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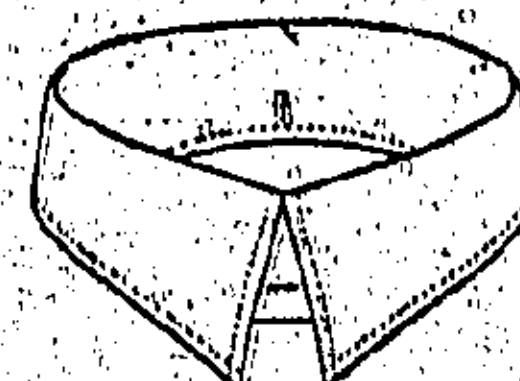
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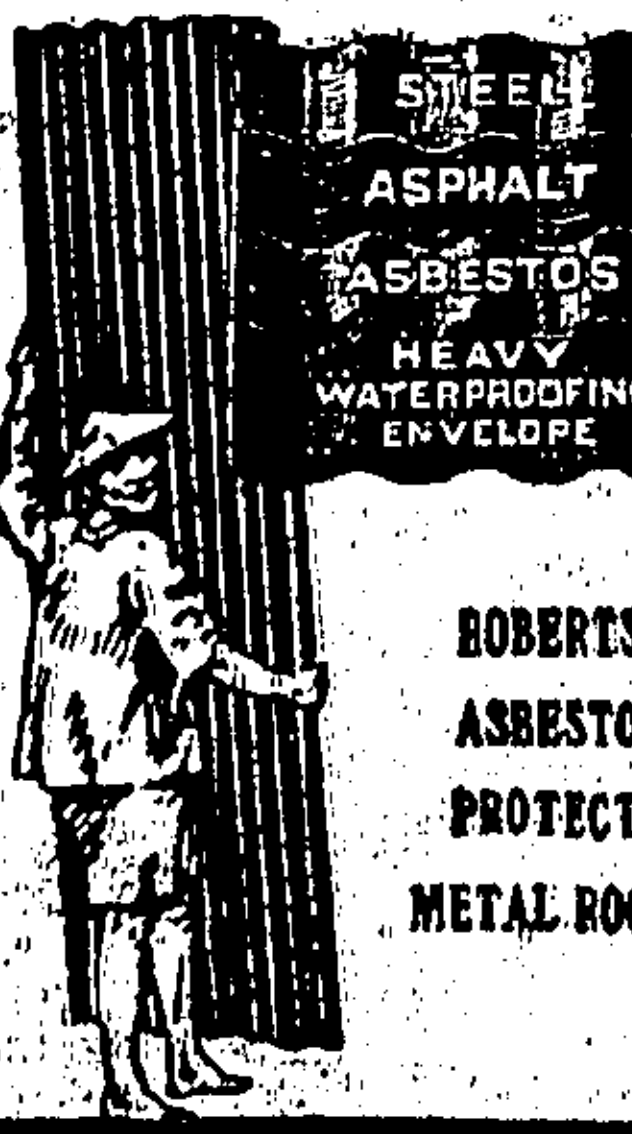
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**DEPARTURE OF BRITISH
DELEGATION.**

PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 6.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Cecil, and the other principal members of the British delegation to the League of Nations left London this morning, and it is understood that the French delegation will join them this evening in Paris.

Delegations from other Capitals are already reported to have set out for Geneva, and the representatives of the principal European Powers on the League Council will be there in ample time to participate to-morrow in the private conversations suggested by Sir Austen Chamberlain as a means of removing misunderstandings prior to the formal meeting of the Council on Monday.

Chamberlain and Briand.

Rugby, March 7.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, head of the British delegation to Geneva, was met on his arrival in Paris by Monsieur Briand and Lord Crewe (British Ambassador).

M. Briand and Sir A. Chamberlain immediately drove to the British Embassy, where they conversed for half-an-hour.

Sir A. Chamberlain, after dining at the Embassy, proceeded on his journey to Geneva with his delegation, members of the French and some other delegations proceeding by the same train.

It is considered unlikely that M. Briand will be able to remain in Geneva for the meeting of the Council of the League to-morrow owing to the disturbed political situation in France caused by the resignation of his Cabinet following the defeat in the Chamber early yesterday morning.

Satisfaction is, however, expressed here that the French crisis has not prevented M. Briand from proceeding to Geneva and participating in the highly important informal meeting there to-day between the leading signatories of the Locarno Treaty.

The belief is strongly held that these conversations may clear the difficulties from the way of achieving the primary object for which this week's session of the League of Nations has been convened, namely, the admission of Germany to the League with a permanent seat on the Council.

FIRST COMMUNIQUE.

Geneva, March 7.

Prior to the League meeting representatives of the countries which met at Locarno to negotiate the Rhineland Pact met to exchange views on the questions on the agenda.

A communique issued after the meeting stated that no difficulty was experienced in making clear their reciprocal positions, and adding that this first exchange of views will be followed by French conversations.

Free, Full and Frank.

Sir A. Chamberlain subsequently stated: "We had a free, full, and frank talk as at Locarno. We covered the whole ground but did not find immediately a solution of all our troubles. Nothing could be decided to-day as we could be bound by nobody but ourselves. Doubtless before we next meet for a further exchange of views we shall find some method of settling our troubles, but we have not done so yet. We have cleared up some misapprehensions and suspicions." He added that they were trying to make the entry of Germany into the League absolutely non-controversial. If, by waiting a day or two, they could assure this result, surely it was better to wait.

Spain's Claim.

Geneva, March 7.
Reuters learns from a German source that a difficulty in the private conversations this afternoon arose from the fact that the German delegation would not countenance an enlargement of the Council before Germany was given a permanent seat, but "certain other delegations" insisted that Spain should be allotted a permanent seat simultaneously with Germany.

M. Briand left for Paris to-night but it is hoped that he will return on Tuesday.

INNOCENT PARTIES.

**TENANT WHO SUB-LET WITH
OUT RIGHT.**

THE LAW AND REASON.

"This seems to be one of those cases in which the decision will probably be right and the reasons probably wrong," said Mr. Justice Wood, in a Summary Court case, this morning.

The matter upon which he was called to decide was the right of a tenant who had gone into premises under an agreement with the previous tenant whereas that previous tenant was under agreement with the landlord not to assign the premises without the landlord's permission.

The landlord claimed possession of the tenement in question, No. 19, Gilman Bazaar.

Mr. D. McCullum, for the new tenants, admitted that under common law the landlord was entitled to possession as there had been a breach of the agreement of the original tenant. It was clear, however, that the landlord had no objection to the present tenants which could hold water.

Under the Ordinance he could not get more money in rent. The present tenants were innocent parties and their only fault had been that they had not made the fullest enquiries as to the type of tenancy. It must be remembered that they were Chinese dealing with British law. He claimed that under the Ordinance the new tenants were entitled to the discretionary protection of the court.

Mr. M. M. Watson, for the landlord, claimed that they had no right to protection at all. They were "trespassers" in that they had never been accepted as tenants by the landlord and as the landlord had asserted his rights by the issue of the writ their claim even to be statutory tenants would fail from that time forward. As regarded the claim that the landlord could not get more money in rent, it was right he could not if the premises remained as one tenancy but it might be his wish to make it into two.

His Lordship indicated that an order for possession would have to be made but the terms of the stay he would consider.

WANCHAI MURDER.

**DUMPING DEAD BODY
IN THE STREET.**

CHINESE GET FREE.

The arrest of a Chinese alleged to be the murderer of a coolie at Wanchai resulted in the charge against two others being amended to one of moving the dead body without permission.

Defendants, who admitted that they dumped the dead body in the street, were bound over by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning on personal bonds to come up for judgment when called upon within six months.

MAGISTRACY ITEMS.

Hiding Places for Dollars.

There was another batch of offenders of the regulation prohibiting the export of money from the Colony at the Central Magistracy this morning. Fines of \$20 were imposed in two of the cases in which it was shown that while one man had the money tied round his arm the other hid it inside his stocking. A woman had the money in her shoe and was fined \$5.

Race Course Theft.

An incident on the race course on Saturday was recalled when a Chinese youth was charged with snatching a rattan bag from a small child. He admitted the offence and was ordered 12 strokes and two days' detention in prison.

SANITARY MATTERS.

To-morrow at 4.15 p.m. the Sanitary Board meets. On the agenda are such items as the estimates for the Sanitary Department for 1927, there being a minute from the President relative to the appointment of committees; water reports for various districts; and various non-local health circulars.

During the 48 hours ended yesterday, no notifiable disease was reported.

MYSTERY SHIP.

**"DURBAN" GOES OUT AT
MIDNIGHT.**

THE PIRACY SCARE.

**Why Did Steamer Ignore
Signals?**

Immediately on receipt of a message that an irregularity in shipping might have been due to piratical activities, the local Naval authorities sent out H.M.S. Durban about midnight on Saturday to search for a "mystery ship."

Waglan lighthouse is one of the landmarks showing the way into Hongkong harbour. Vessels not necessarily making for the port but passing close by, are also sighted. On Saturday night Waglan reported that a passing ship had failed to give the usual signal. Whether this meant that the boat failed to respond, or ignored the lighthouse, is not at present known.

Although nothing has so far developed, it was just as well that precautions were taken. The Harbour Office was communicated with, and then the Naval authorities. There was a possibility that the ship had fallen into evil hands, or that something was amiss. H.M.S. "Durban" put out, with police officers on board, as well as Mr. L. H. V. Booth (at present acting assistant Harbour Master, and formerly assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence).

When a "China Mail" reporter made inquiries this morning, it was gathered that the cruiser had not returned. Outside of the harbour he had examined steamers but none had come under actual suspicion.

No ship had been posted "missing" at the Harbour Office. There have been previous instances of ships passing through Hongkong waters—though not coming into harbour—and evading light dues by not giving the name to Waglan. A ship in any part of the Colony's waters, should pay two cents per registered ton, as light dues. This time there may have been no such desire at all. Unless there are further developments, it should be concluded that the omission was unintentional.

TARIFF CURSE.

**STIRRING PROTEST BY
A BANKER.**

TRADE LEAGUE WANTED.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 7.

Mr. Walter Leaf, President of the International Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Westminster Bank, made another striking protest yesterday against the evil effects of tariffs and trade barriers on the economic situation of Europe.

Addressing the Council of the International Chamber of Commerce he summarised reports received from various National Committees, and drew from them the general conclusion that what was needed was a European Trade League. Everywhere there were complaints concerning the difficulty of finding markets for manufactures. The capacity for production was there, and it was generally much larger than in pre-war times, but products were stagnating because they were refused, or at least hampered, by foreign tariffs and trade barriers. Hence unemployment, the stagnation of industry, and a lamentable waste of potential human energy. The whole standard of living was lowered by the artificial restrictions on human efficiency.

A European Trade League would have open markets, but at least the same tariff as those of the United States, and would thus be able to compete in production on equal terms with that vast area of Free Trade intercourse.

A large gang of men entered a farm at Ping Tsai village in the New Territories early yesterday morning and stole two bullocks, clothing and jewellery. The farmer's loss is assessed at \$41.

TRIALS TO-DAY.

**"SAVING STAR" OUT ON
HER RUN.**

LOCAL RESCUE TUG.

Built by the Taikoo Dock, the Government rescue tug "Kau Sing" (which means Saving Star) ran her trials to-day before entering the service.

As has been stated, the chief duties of the tug will be—typhoon rescue work; relief trips to Pratas station; and pumping, by steam, water for fire-fighting.

Details were given in brief in last Monday's "China Mail."

The expert committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which co-operated with the Government, comprised—

Mr. R. Sutherland, O.B.E. (chairman), Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. J. Reid, Captain T. Arthur, Captain W. Davidson, Mr. Walter Lang, assisted by Lt.-Com. Conway Hake, R.N.R. (assistant Harbour Master), Mr. W. O. Lambert, and Mr. L. H. King.

The Harbour Master (Lt.-Com. G. F. Hole, R.N.) and Captain C. J. Thomson (Chief Boarding Officer) were on board to-day.

DRUNK ON DREGS.

**FRENCHMAN STRUCK WITH
A CLOG.**

ALBERT CAFE INCIDENT.

With a black mark over his left eye, M. Albert Guetat, proprietor of Albert Cafe, gave evidence before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning in a charge of assault against a Chinese kitchen coolie.

Complainant said that the defendant had lately been a nuisance in the establishment and on Saturday evening got drunk by swallowing the dregs left in the glasses of the customers. Defendant refused to work or to go away and return the following morning for his wages. Defendant had to be pushed out of the back door into the lane and it was alleged that he struck the complainant in the eye with a wooden clog.

Continuing, the Frenchman said that he retaliated with his fist and knocked the man down. He next picked the man up, pushed him along the lane, and handed him over to a constable.

Defendant admitted that he had the clog in his hand, but denied he struck the proprietor. He claimed to have been assaulted with a stick.

A fine of \$20, or fourteen days' hard labour, was imposed.

PARLIAMENT.

**IMPORTANT BUSINESS THIS
WEEK.**

POWER BILL DEBATE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 7.

The Economy Bill is to be presented to Parliament by Thursday. The Army Estimates are also to be presented this week, and these, it is understood, will show a substantial decrease, as did the Navy Estimates.

Another important debate in the House of Commons which is promised for this week will take place on the Government's Electricity Bill.

Members of the Helena May Institute are reminded that the booking for the Musical closes on Wednesday, March 10.

Until noon to-morrow the weather forecast is N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy. Two anticyclones are reported, one central to the west of Shanghai and the other over Manchuria. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

TODAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/3 15/16.

SCHOOL WORK.

SACRED HEART STUDENTS AND INTIMIDATORS.

DR. TSO'S PRAISE.

Excellent results from work but a financial position which was causing some anxiety was referred to at the prize distribution yesterday at the Sacred Heart English School.

At the re-opening of the School in August the number of pupils dropped off considerably in common with the experience of other schools in the Colony, reported Mr. U. S. Ahak, the headmaster. The new building had to be given up, and the school's activities were confined to the old premises at St. Joseph's Terrace. The school had been suffering heavy losses on account of these and other circumstances. "During the strike period, the students had remained at their studies in spite of the activities of intimidators."

Dr. S. W. Tso, in presenting the prizes, congratulated the students on this latter fact. The intimidators had come to the students, he said, with a flourish of trumpets and in the name of Patriotism and Liberty. Is there anything more absurd than this? asked Dr. Tso. They talked loud about liberty, but their very first action was to take away your right and liberty to learn. They wished to make you a set of ignoramuses so that they might dominate over you. Threats are only effective when employed to frighten young children, weak and ignorant people, but they have no effect upon those who have courage and common sense. These intimidators offered an insult to your common sense and they treated you with the greatest disrespect and imagined that you were a set of imbeciles. It was indeed a sacrifice for such intimidators to utter such a word as patriotism. Their action befitted their words.

Mr. Leung Tan-shung in a short speech referred to the history of the school, and paid a warm tribute to the work of the headmaster. An English play and two Chinese plays were presented by the students during the afternoon, and musical items were given by Miss Aldo Leon, Mr. N. Botelho, and the Rev. Father Goncalves.

THE PRIZE WINNERS:

General Proficiency: Chan Kow-ling, Chan Shiu-chun, Lam Pong-kin, Leong Kwok-hing, Yuen Sum-fat, Lam Ho-yin, Li Kung-yang, Lam Siu-chun, Chan Pui-ling, Shuk Pui-ling, Li Wai-lam, Au Yeung-chung, A. Shuk, Leong Yuen-sing.

General Proficiency (Junior Class) Wong Wai-kwan (gold medal presented by Mr. J. S. Shuk), Li Shiu-kwan, Pang Chak-sang, Leong Wing-luk, Li Po-cheng.

Biblical Knowledge: Wong Wai-kwan (Silver medal presented by the Rev. Fr. J. F. Shuk). Good Service: Leong Wing-luk, Lam Ho-yin, A. Shuk, Chan Wing-sing, Pang Wai-hung, Lau Shiu-ling.

"Tommy," said his mother, "grandmother is very ill. Can't you go in and cheer her up?" "Yes, mum," said Tommy, as he went into the sick room. But in a few moments he came out disconsolate. "Couldn't, mother," he said. "She seemed to get worse."

"What did you say, dear?" asked mother.

"Why, I asked her if she would like soldiers at her funeral!"



ADMIRAL HORTHY.

Trying days have come for Admiral Horthy, regent of Hungary, with the arrest of many officials involved in the 30,000,000,000 franc forgery plot. Budapest was in a turmoil, and Horthy is guarding against a coup by his enemies.

YOUNG PRODIGY.

EMIL DANENBERG'S RECITAL TO-MORROW.

FASCINATING PROGRAMME.

As announced in the advertising columns of the "China Mail," Emil Danenberg, the eight years old son of Prof. Danenberg, is giving his third annual piano recital in St. Andrew's Hall to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

An excellent programme has been arranged and a large number of music lovers will doubtless seize the opportunity of once again listening to this remarkable young pianist.

The programme is as follows:—

- Part I.
- 1.—2 Pianos. Andante and Scherzetto. Chamade.
 - 2.—(a) Master Emil Danenberg and Prof. Danenberg. (b) Fugue in C minor. J. S. Bach.
 - (c) Sonata in D (Allegro, Largo and Presto) Haydn.
 - (d) Eccelesias. Beethoven.
 - (e) Song without words in C minor. Mendelssohn.
 - (f) Turkish March (Rondo alla Turca). Mozart.
 - 3.—Master Emil Danenberg. (a) Butterfly. Grieg. (b) Autumn. Tchaikowsky. (c) Rustle of Spring. Sinding. (d) Minute Valse. Chopin.
 - 4.—Violin Solo. Farfalla. Emilie Sauret. Mrs. Baleam.
 - 5.—2 Pianos. Pas des Cymbales. Chamade.

Part II.

- 1.—(a) Sonatina. J. B. McEwen. (1) Allegro con Moto. (2) Andante Semplice. (3) Scherzo.
- (b) Fidelite. Schutt. (c) Buffon. Schutt. (d) Butterfly (Concert Study). Lavallee.
- 2.—(a) Master Emil Danenberg. (b) Girl with the Flaxen Hair. Debussy.
- (c) Minstrel. Debussy.
- (d) Music Box. Liadov.
- 3.—(a) Perpetual Motion. Swinestead. (b) To the Moon. Swinestead. (c) Valse in B flat. Codard.
- 4.—2 Pianos. Neapolitana (Tarantella). Lack.

DARING THEFT.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE'S LOSS.

HOUSE RANSACKED.

A daring daylight burglary was committed on Friday at No. 36, Percival Street, second floor, occupied by Mr. A. H. Fatyad, of the P.W.D.

Mr. Fatyad left for his office at 9 o'clock in the morning, and an hour later his wife also left the house accompanied by her amah after securing the main door with a Yale lock. On her return at about 5 p.m. the floor was littered with the clothing and contents of the wardrobe and trunks.

The lock of the main door was found to have been broken, while duplicate keys were used in opening the rooms and some of the trunks. Those which failed to respond to the keys were forced open.

Several pieces of valuable silk clothing were removed by the thieves who must have spent a considerable time in ransacking the floor. Marks of blood in a garment left behind indicated that one of the thieves injured his hand in forcing open the lock of the main door.

The clothing stolen amounted to about \$200, but Mrs. Fatyad was fortunate in that she had removed her jewellery to her mother's residence for safe keeping shortly before Chinese New Year. By another fortunate circumstance a Bank of Canton savings book containing money in their child's name was discarded as "no good."

The entry of the thieves and their get away appear to be remarkable since there are occupants on the floor above and those below in the premises used as Government quarters.

A discussion about husbands and bridge was going on the other day in a studio.

"I can tell without asking," said one of the actresses, "whether my husband has won or lost at bridge as soon as he comes home."

"Of course all the other members of the company wanted to know how."

"If he has lost," was the reply, "he throws his trousers across the foot of the bed; if he has won he puts them under his pillow."

A MASKED BALL.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR DANCERS.

NOVELTIES INTRODUCED.

Hongkong has been deprived of its usual quota of public dances this year owing to circumstances over which there is no local control. To atone for those large and be it confessed rather stiff and formal affairs, a few bright spirits have plotted together against the gods of inertia that hold mighty sway in Hongkong, and are determined to do their utmost to drive them out of this stronghold for one evening at least.

If the attempt is successful—and if everyone who complains of the lack of opportunity for dancing this winter takes the opportunity that is now presented, it is bound to be a huge success—it will provide a very welcome stimulus and tonic to a strike-weary people, and the promoters may well be hailed as public benefactors.

For months people have "enjoyed" disquisitions from our Jeremiahs on "present evils, and some are frankly 'fed up' with the state of affairs. They adopt as their motto 'Let us have music, mirth and laughter; sermons and soda water the day after'."

Hence the masked ball—an evening free from cares and worries—the best of music, food, wine and let it be hoped—partners.

Man wants but little here below but he wants that little good. One of the novelties connected with this masked ball is the fact that there will be two first class bands and the dance will be a practically non-stop affair—more like London every day. With the music going all the time and no definite intervals there will be very much less crowding on the floor. Another novelty is that those going to the masked ball, are given the opportunity of choosing their own programme. To every ticket sold is attached a coupon on which to record one's favourite fox, trot and waltzes, taken from a large selection. These coupons will be counted before the ball takes place and the dances chosen by vote will be played during the evening. Attached to this voting are three prizes for those lucky enough to forecast the correct result.

Another feature of the evening will be "The Witch of the Night," having some connection, it is believed, with the question of telling one's horrid past.

Full particulars of this Ball, and what has to be done in connection with choosing the programme—and perhaps winning a prize—are contained in pamphlets which have been given away freely. If any reader of this paper has not come into possession of one of these pamphlets, they can be obtained at Moutrie's and Andersons, who also have the tickets and coupons for sale. Meanwhile, it is hoped that everyone will attempt to buy, borrow or steal a mask: an unmasked person is liable to feel out of it.

Most of the pleasure in a masked ball consists in the lure of the unknown—who that has experienced one of these Covent Garden affairs can forget his or her experience. Specially in Hongkong it is essential to preserve one's anonymity if one wishes to be ordinarily human!

1,000 YEARS OLD.

FLOURISHING VETERAN OF THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

Beginning its life in South Africa a thousand years ago—more than a century before the Norman Conquest and more than five hundred years before South Africa was visited by Europeans—a "Kaffir Bread" plant, removed from its native soil, is flourishing in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Regent's Park. Ten feet high, fifteen inches round the trunk and weighing 700lb., the plant is scientifically known by the formidable title, *Encephalartos Alsteinii*.

The estimate of 1,000 years for the age of the plant is derived by comparing the number of the leaf scars with which the ancient trunk is covered with the number of fronds produced each year. "The plant gets practically no moisture from outside, and derives its nourishment from an internal supply of its own," an official of the gardens told a "Daily Mail" reporter.

Another curious South African plant in the gardens is the "Elephant's Foot," or "Tortoise Plant," which, although only two feet high and three feet in diameter, weighs 190 pounds. This is due to the fact that it carries within itself a supply of food and water. It gets no moisture from the outside at all and is planted in sand and rock.

Through 300 years old, the green shrub still flowers regularly. In South Africa the plant's internal supply of food is often used by the natives under the name of "Hotentot Bread," and the water is also squeezed from it in time of drought.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

CONCERT PROGRAMME AT THE CLUB.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

For the concert at St. Patrick's Club on Wednesday, March 17 (the patron saint's day), the following programme has been arranged:—

Part I.

- 1.—March. The Irish Emigrant (Band). E. S. Kelly.
- 2.—Song. "Dear Old Ireland." Mr. Turton.
- 3.—Comedians. Song and Dance. Mr. Webb. Mr. Love.
- 4.—Song. "County Down." Mr. Hollaway, Pianist.
- 5.—Sketch. "Ireland for Ever" (Band). Myddleton.
- 6.—Song. "Mother Machree." Mrs. Turton.
- 7.—Comic. Mr. Burnett.
- 8.—Selection. "Irish Airs" (Band).
- 9.—Irish Jig. Misses A. Hynes and J. Woolley.
- 10.—Song. Selected. Mr. H. E. Gardner.
- 11.—Selections from his Repertoire. Mr. Charles Olive.

Interval of 15 minutes.

Band selections.

Part II.

- 1.—The Wearing of the Green (Band). "Retford."
- 2.—"Oft in the Silly Night" (Gaelic). Mrs. Turton.
- 3.—Humorous Irish Song. Misses Harding and Spradbury.
- 4.—Song. Selected. Mr. H. E. Gardner.
- 5.—Irish Jig. Mrs. Turton.
- 6.—Irish Emeralds (Band) arr. Greedy.
- 7.—Comic. Mr. Burnett.
- 8.—Comedians. Song and Dance. Mr. Webb. Mr. Love.
- 9.—Mr. Hollaway, pianist.
- 10.—Dickens Characters. Mr. Charles Olive.
- 11.—Song. Selected. Mr. Manning.
- 12.—March. "Eileen Allanah" (Band). Terence.

[Admission by invitation—cards from Mr. Fred. Fisher, hon. secretary. By kind permission of Lt.-Col. P. S. Montague Bates and officers, the Band of the 1st East Surrey will play selections under Bandmaster S. Dowle.]

WHAT JOB KNEW.

MARVELS OF SCIENCE FORETOLD.

In a paper by Lieut.-Commander Victor L. Trumper, which was read during his absence in Egypt to a meeting of the Victoria Institute at Central Buildings, Westminster, on February 25, he put forward the theory that the Book of Job, being a magnificent philosophical poem, contains scientific statements, allusions, and implications which are marvellous when account is taken of the state of human learning and science at the period when the book was written, whether that date was 500, or 1500 B.C.

About the time that people thought the world was a flat disc, with tunnels in the foundations to permit the passage of the sun and stars, it was written:—

He stretcheth out the north over the empty space, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

As to Job's knowledge of physics, it had been reserved for Torricelli, who invented the barometer in the 17th century, to demonstrate beyond doubt that air had weight, which was measurable. Yet the author of job had written:—

God understandeth the way thereof, to make the weight for the winds. Wireless was one of the outstanding achievements of science. We knew that sound, electricity, and light were conveyed in undulations or waves. Where two beams of light intersected, we had darkness at their meeting point because the two sets of waves practically eliminated each other at that point.

A pathway or direction meant progression; a place meant quiescence. The writer of this book foreshadowed the triumphs of nineteenth century science by writing of a way for the light and a place for the darkness:—

Where is the way where light dwelleth? And as for the darkness, where is the place thereof? "The study of the occult sciences interests me very much," remarked the new hour. "I love to explore the dark depths of the mysterious, to delve into the regions of the unknown, to fathom the unathomable as it were, and to 'May I help you to some of this hash, professor?' interrupted the landlady. And the good woman never knew why the other bawled him to swear."

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MOTHERS' UNION.

ACTIVITIES FOR THIS MONTH.

COMING SALE OF WORK.

The next monthly "Talk" in connection with the Mothers' Union will be given on Tuesday, March 16, at the Helena May Institute by Mrs. Philip Warren, the subject being "How I was brought up." Tea will be at four o'clock and the Talk will follow. It is hoped that non-members, who are interested in the work of the Union, as well as those who are members will endeavour to be present.

There will be a Sale of Work arranged by the members of the Union at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday, March 23, at 3 o'clock. Gifts of needlework—fancy and plain—cakes, sweets and any suitable articles will be welcomed by Mrs. Orton (165, The Peak), or should be brought to the Institute on the morning of the Sale.

The Quarterly Corporate Communion for members of the Mothers' Union will be held at 10.30 at the Cathedral on Thursday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation.—Gwen E. Noil (hon. secretary), in "Cathedral Notes."

"MR. REUTER."

SOLE SURVIVOR'S STORY.

The cable and wireless took the news of the death of Queen Alexandra round the world in less than three minutes. Calcutta heard the sad tidings almost as soon as Cardiff, and Singapore was very little behind Southampton. The four score years of the late Queen's life saw great changes in the methods of news transmission, and are roughly the period which Mr. Henry M. Collins covers in his book, "From Pigeon Post to Wireless" (says a London "Daily Graphic" reviewer). Mr. Collins, aged 81, is the sole survivor of the first regime of what the world knows as "Reuter's."

The founder, a young bank clerk, established a pigeon post between Brussels and Aix-la-Chapelle, the system being later extended to other Continental cities. Following the laying of the first cable between England and France, Mr. Reuter transferred his headquarters to London and became a naturalised British subject. "Reuter's Telegrams" began to appear daily, and although for a time there was no exciting news, Mr. Reuter scored a triumph in February, 1859, by transmitting from Paris to London the text of Napoleon III's speech on Austrian intrigues in Italy. Its publication in London on the day of its delivery was an amazing feat in those days.

To-day's news from Wall Street and Los Angeles will appear in the London newspapers to-morrow, but during the war between North and South in America, which broke out in 1861, Europe got its war news through Mr. Reuter's agent at New York collecting, and summarising it and placing it on board the weekly outgoing mail steamer. On the arrival of the steamer at Roche's Point, Co. Cork, it was transmitted by wire to London, distributed to the papers and, still more summarised, despatched to Paris, Berlin, Vienna, St. Petersburg and other Continental capitals.

In those days, before the Transatlantic cable, Great Britain and America were almost on the verge of war. A Federal naval officer had seized a British mail steamer, the "Trent," containing two Southern commissioners on their way to this country, and Britain became aflame with excitement and anger. Lord Palmerston, the Foreign Secretary, despatched a Note to the Government of President Lincoln demanding the immediate release of the two commissioners and intimating that, in the event of a refusal, the British Government would regard the seizure as an "unfriendly act." By way of emphasis, 5,000 troops were sent to Halifax, Nova Scotia. But in the absence of a cable the reply to the Note took three weeks and in the interval there was great public tension. "Punch" published a cartoon showing the British Lion looking across the empty waste of waters, entitled "Waiting for the Answer."

Reuters, having received the telegraphic news from the Irish coast, was the first to convey to Lord Palmerston at Downing Street on a Sunday evening the news that Abraham Lincoln had submitted to the British demands.

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Hongkong Station, 4th March, 1926.

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E. A. LUGGATT, Superintendent.
Hongkong, March 8, 1926.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the island and mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1828
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Taimoshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

NOTICES.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, F. and O. Building, on FRIDAY, 12th March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1925, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st March to 12th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY 17th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December 1925, and declaring a Dividend.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 3rd March 1926, until WEDNESDAY 17th March 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. General Managers.

Hongkong, February 23, 1926.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 28th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

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RAVANI MARU ... Thursday, 8th April
3. **INDOS MARU** ... Monday, 8th March
4. **KOESU MARU** ... Tuesday, 16th March
5. **CHUNTA MARU** ... Wednesday, 17th March
6. **FORIA, SATEL, YAGUNA & TADONUYE**—Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
LONDON MARU (from Shanghai) ... Friday, 12th March
7. **NEW YORK**—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Canada.
ARTUN MARU (from Shanghai) ... Saturday, 27th March
8. **AMAKUSA MARU** ... Thursday, 1st April at 10 a.m.
9. **JAPAN PORTS** ... Tuesday, 16th March
10. **CHUNTA MARU** ... Sunday, 7th Mar. at 11 a.m.
11. **HOZAN MARU** ... Sunday, 14th Mar. at 11 a.m.
12. **TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY** ... Thursday, 11th Mar. at 8 a.m.
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14. **BERKOW MARU** ... Friday, 26th March
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AMOI.

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"RED" KUOMINCHUN?

A striking revelation is reported to-day to have been made by Wu Pei-fu and the allies, although it may be discredited by some as a form of counter-propaganda common to the Chinese rival war lords. It is alleged that, after the retreat of the Second Kuominchun Army, Bolshevik pamphlets were found by the successful allied troops addressed to farmers and labourers; thus proving, it is asserted, that the Kuominchun and its leader, the "Christian" General, Feng Yu-hsiang, are pro-Bolshevik. In the face of this important discovery—which, of course, has yet to be proved beyond the shadow of a doubt—the Allied military leaders declare that they "will fight the Red Government until it is destroyed."

There may be a semblance of truth in the story. Prominence is given in the "North China Daily News" of March 8 to a message from Mr. Rodney Gilbert, from Peking, who reports that the Russian Red Conference held in the Capital resulted in a decision to "extend all possible support to the present military patrons of the Peking Government." It was also reported that Moscow had agreed to make further advances of men, money and arms. The conference, to which many Chinese were admitted, opposed "Comrade" Sverdloff's coming and the establishment of a branch of the Third International at this juncture, since the time was not thought opportune to withdraw support from the Kuominchun politicians and military. In an arresting paragraph Mr. Rodney Gilbert says:—

Moscow has been told that since anti-Red slogans were the war cries of Peking's opponents, the collapse of the Kuominchun would mean the suppression of all Soviet work in North China. Hence it must make every effort to save the cause by supporting Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang. A sum of \$6,500,000 has, therefore, been made available, together with some arms. The Embassy also asked for 7,000 troops, including 800 men, half in uniform and half in mufti, to control Peking, but it is unknown whether the Soviet has agreed to this.

Taking this report in conjunction with Reuter's message to-day regarding the discovery of Bolshevik literature addressed to farmers and labourers, it would certainly appear on the surface that the Allied war lords have not exposed anything in the nature of a mare's nest. The "Christian" General's connections with Moscow have long been under suspicion, apart from the mere fact of a purely commercial transaction involving the purchase of arms from Russia, and although his henchmen have always strenuously denied that he is pro-Bolshevik, the average individual can form his own conclusions. The sinister plot of the Reds to dominate the Capital, as revealed at the Russian Red Conference, cannot but strengthen the arguments of those who have before now vehemently denounced the "Christian" General's coquetting with Moscow.

Apart from the reasons actuating the Allied war lords in participating in the continuance of civil war in China, the best friends of China cannot but hope that, provided the connection between the Reds and Peking is an accomplished fact, Feng Yu-hsiang and those who would sell their country to Moscow may be eliminated for all time as the result of the present struggle.

BROADCASTING.

What should prove an interesting pastime in Hongkong, practically is non-existent. Evenings which may be considered dull, remain so when they could easily be brightened by a means which is bringing in its train much progressive revolution—introducing new ideas, and bringing thousands in touch with such things as good music. There may be good reasons for this, but the lack of broadcasting facilities in the Colony. It cannot be said that what Hongkong thinks or does to-day, Shanghai or Manila, copies to-morrow. Manila is controlled by Americans. It seems to follow that what is good enough for, say, New York, is also good enough for the people of the islands—or those who live in its very fine capital city. The result is that broadcasting is not a new innovation; it is as common almost as going to the theatre or playing a gramophone; and that Manila rejoices in broadcasting programmes. Shanghai is perhaps so much "alive" in its social activities by reason of the diverse and interesting nationalities that compose its population. Shanghai has its quota of broadcasters, with programmes that bring delight, entertainment and instruction. Those recently arrived from Home speak glowingly of the broadcasting services which exist in Britain, and the joy they bring, not merely to crowded areas, but to those seemingly "cut off" from the busy life of the city. It is now being suggested that broadcasting be made a public service at the end of the present year; and that a Corporation consisting of five to seven nominees chosen by the Crown be appointed to take over the staff, contracts, and apparatus of the existing Company; that the Commissioners be persons of

judgment, and independence and empowered to consult appropriate societies, organisations, and advisory committees to ensure proper consideration of all phases of broadcasting. There are other interesting details connected with what seems a piece of pure socialism—all designed to make broadcasting more perfect and interesting than it is. But we are concerned with its use in the Colony, and the desire to see Hongkong in line with its more advanced neighbours—Shanghai and Manila.

COAL COMMISSION.

UNANIMOUS REPORT NOW READY.

VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENT.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 7. It is officially stated that the report of the Coal Commission was signed last night by Sir Herbert Samuel, Chairman, and the other members of the Commission.

It is understood that the report, which is a unanimous one, will be presented to His Majesty the King to-morrow.

In view of the wide terms of reference and the immense field surveyed in the report, much importance is attached to the findings of the Commission, which are at present a closely guarded secret.

A great volume of evidence was placed before the Commissioners, and quite apart from this and the voluminous statistics, the main body of the report is said to extend to nearly 300 closely printed pages. The executive of the Miners' Federation will meet in London this week to consider the Commission's recommendations, and will on Friday present a report to the National Delegate Conference of the Federation in London.

MID LEVELS.

ASSOCIATION'S FIRST REPORT.

The Committee of the Mid Levels Association has issued to the members the report of the first period of the Association's existence, (July 31 to December 31, 1925).

Since the formation of the Association 89 members have been enrolled. The present membership is 83, the reduction being due to departures from the Colony, etc.

The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer's statement of accounts shows a balance in hand on December 31, 1925, of \$113.61.

Four meetings of the committee have been held since the general meeting on July 21 last.

Apart from matters connected with the strike, the Committee have brought to the notice of the Government several matters which they considered would be for the benefit of members, such as the provision of a children's playground near May Road Station, the unsatisfactory chair service at the Robinson Chair Stand and the question of Traffic Control.

In response to representations by the Committee the Peak Tramways Company, Limited, have met the wants of residents using the May Road Station by altering the time to suit their convenience. It is hoped that the request which was also made that an adequate shelter be provided at this station will be acceded to in the near future.

The Committee extend their cordial thanks to the Committee of the Ladies' Recreation Club for the use of their Club room on several occasions, to Mrs. Harman for allowing the Committee meetings to be held in her flat, and to Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell for auditing the accounts.

It is hoped that members will help the Committee by inducing their friends to join the Association and that they will bring to the notice of the Committee any matters which they consider can be usefully dealt with by the Association.

The report is signed by Mr. A. S. D. Cousland, as Chairman.

A.D.C. SEASON.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi), Lady Clementi, and a party from Government House were present at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night to see the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club present Lord Dunsany's "The House of the Dead." There was practically a full house which responded with appropriate and appreciative applause. "Extra showings" will be presented to-night and to-morrow night. Booking at Messrs. Anderson's.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Spoonerisms due to nervous-biting ness, are abundant. Here Rooks seems a good example. Sent next to Tennyson at a dinner party was a young woman who had written a novel or two. Tennyson broke a long period of silence by brusquely demanding: "And pray what do you do for a living?"

Demoralised by the abruptness and strangeness of the question, the young woman stammered out: "I—I bite rooks."

It seems fortunate Good Stories that some of our public men either keep diaries, or have retentive memories. The ex-speaker of the House of Commons has recently published a book in which the following stories appear:—

"The late Lady Dunedin, travelling in an omnibus, was annoyed by the sniffing and snuffing of a fellow-passenger, and turning to her, said: 'Madam, have you a handkerchief?' 'Yes,' replied the woman, 'I have, but I only lend it to my particular friends.'"

"A man charged with assaulting his mother-in-law was convicted and fined 25 and threepence. He inquired what was the reason of the threepence? The magistrate replied: 'That is for the entertainment tax.'"

"Sir Robert Horne told an amusing story of an Aberdeen man who was heard to say, 'I've been wondering where those Jews got all that money from, which I've got off them.'"

"Colonel Tomline's humour was delightful. On one occasion on going into the billiard-room after dinner, he declared that there was a smell of escaping gas. He rang for the butler and asked him if he could smell it. The butler said: 'No, Colonel,' to which he replied: 'Then go away and send somebody else who can.'"

A musical student. More Revised gives further in Versions, stanzas of revised versions. German's song, "The Yeoman of England," has twice been revised. Before the war the chorus ran:—

And Frenchmen and Dutchmen, And Spaniards and such men; but was altered during the war to: And Prussians, Bavarians, And such like Barbarians. After peace was signed the couplet was changed to: And nations to Eastward, And nations to Westward.

During the war, too, a change was made in Germany in "Lohengrin." In the original text Henry the Fowler sang: "Lord God, protect us from Hungary's rage," but when Hungary became allied with Germany "Hungaria's" was altered to "enemy's," a change probably suggested by the alteration many years ago in Brahms' "Death of Nelson," when "We saw the Frenchmen lay" became "we saw the foemen lay."

Mr. Justice Eve, who A Piccolo, the other day asked "What is a saxophone?" and who on a previous occasion referred to the playing of the piano by children as "the torture of the damned," sought further enlightenment on musical matters.

"Excuse me, what is a piccolo?" he asked, when counsel referred to the instrument.

"I think it is a little sort of flute with a rather high tone," replied counsel; "at any rate, it is not a saxophone." His Lordship: Is the saxophone a wind or a stringed instrument?" Counsel: A wind instrument." The piccolo has for long been a favourite with composers, and is used by Beethoven in the storm of the Pastoral Symphony to reproduce the whistling of the wind.

LONDON STRIKE.

CRISIS ASSUMES SERIOUS ASPECT.

PUBLIC SERVICES MENACED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 7. The "engineering crisis" has assumed a more serious aspect as the result of a meeting in London of the representatives of all the Engineering Unions in London deciding to press the claim for a separate wage advance of £1 weekly in London and to ask the authority of the Unions to take a joint district strike ballot and a national ballot on the question of ending the agreement, which embraces provisions for avoiding disputes, which the employers declare was broken by the unofficial stoppage at Messrs. Hoe's Works.

The meeting endorsed the action of the District Committees of seven Unions in backing Messrs. Hoe's strikers and resisting the proposal of the National Executive's Unions that the strikers should be instructed to return to work in order to place the Unions in a constitutional position.

The meeting also threatened to hold up the public services if the threatened lock-out occurred.

A NEW TSAR?

MONARCHISTS IN SECRET CONCLAVE.

GERMANS ATTEND

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, March 7. A secret convulsive of Monarchists in Russia and Central Europe was opened at Munich yesterday, according to the Tagliche Rundschau, though the topics that are being discussed are not revealed.

The Russians, who arrived from London and Paris, included representatives of the Grand Duke Cyril, the Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna, and Nicolas Nicolavitch. They conferred yesterday evening with the German Monarchists.

The meeting was adjourned to Sunday for the arrival of Hungarian Monarchists, including Count Andrássy.

It is further stated that a meeting between the Grand Duke Cyril and the Crown Prince Rupprecht has been planned for the end of March, whilst about 200 Russian Monarchists are foregathered in Paris at the beginning of April to elect a new Tsar—either the Grand Duke Cyril or Nicolas.

BALKAN PACT.

GREECE AND ITALY MAKE FIRST MOVE.

YUGO-SLAVIA MAY JOIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, March 7.

It is understood that M. Roufos, the Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs, who is representing Greece at the League Assembly, discussed with Signor Mussolini in Rome the possibility of a sort of Greco-Italian pact or guarantee of integrity and security in Albania.

It is learned in Greek circles that such a pact, to which Yugoslavia may also adhere, will be the starting point toward a Balkan Pact, in which Italy will constitute a liaison between it and the Locarno Pact.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived Shanghai yesterday at 5 p.m. left Shanghai to-day at 7 a.m. and is due at Nagasaki to-morrow at 6 p.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Talmu" will leave Amoy for this port to-day at p.m. and is due here to-morrow at p.m. The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Shanghai to-day at 8 a.m. leaves Shanghai to-morrow at 7 a.m. and is due at Hongkong on March 11.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on March 6 and is due here on March 25.



Los Angeles police say that Mary Baker is the leader of a gang of run runners, which recently removed \$15,000 worth of liquor from a Government warehouse. She is under arrest.

BRIAND GONE!DRAMATIC SUDDENNESS
A SURPRISE.

WILL POINCARÉ SUCCEED?

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 7.

With the exception of the "Petit Journal," which claims that it foresees that M. Briand would stumble over the unpopular payments tax, the morning newspapers confess that the crisis took France and the world by surprise.

Its dramatic suddenness has succeeded in forcing the Geneva meeting into the background as the topic of comment, though misgivings are felt that France's case at Geneva will lose much of its strength now that M. Briand has gone. Consequently, Poland's chances of securing a permanent seat on the Council have receded proportionally.

Whilst the feeling is strong that M. Briand should resume the Premiership, it is practically unanimous that he should remain Foreign Minister.

It is noteworthy, the "Matin" says, that M. Poincaré's name is being canvassed in the Senate in connection with the Premiership.

Caillaux Ready!

Paris, March 7.

The opinion is generally expressed that M. Briand will remain Foreign Minister and that his resignation of the Premiership does not disqualify him from negotiating for an amicable solution of the problems arising from the Germans' entry into the League.

The two names most canvassed for the Premiership are M. Caillaux and M. René Peret, ex-President of the Chamber.

It is alleged that M. Caillaux is prepared to form a Cabinet and has a list of Ministers in his pocket; but the real difficulty is not to find a Premier but to find a majority in the Chamber. No stable Left majority is obtainable without the Radicals who, like the Socialists, have seceded from the Left bloc, but whose party doctrines do not incline them to coalesce with the Right.

Meanwhile a dissolution of the Chamber looms in the background as a last resort, but the delay involved by a General Election would be most detrimental to France's financial position.

Was Briand Hurt?

Geneva, March 7.

The German Delegation to the League arrived yesterday evening. The 24 members occupy 55 rooms in a hotel close to the Assembly Hall.

Dr. Luther and Herr Stresemann were surprised to hear of the fall of the Briand Cabinet when their flower-bedecked train arrived at Darmstadt.

Dr. Luther announced the news to a crowd of journalists at Bale, who at first thought that he was joking, one asking whether M. Briand was hurt in the fall!

Many members of the German League of Nations Association, also some members of the Swedish and Polish delegations, travelled in the same train.

EARLIER CABLES.

Intense Surprise.

London, March 7.

The unexpected resignation of the French Government has confused the international situation, but responsible quarters in London believe that Germany's admission to the League will not be jeopardised by the French crisis.

According to Berlin M. Briand's defeat has intensely surprised both Government and diplomatic circles, and certain apprehension is expressed lest the meeting fixed for Geneva to-morrow will not be held.

According to Paris, the French capital is in the strange position of lacking President and Premier to-night, as M. Doumergue departed to open the Lyons Fair, according to programme, and M. Briand, who saw him off before leaving for Geneva, semi-officially stated that he was only doing so in response to the repeated requests of M. Doumergue, with the object of expressing his views on the consequences of the admission of Germany to membership of the League.

M. Doumergue after accomplishing this duty, will return, leaving to M. Boncour and M. Loucheur the task of representing France at the official deliberations of the League. M. Doumergue will not begin consultations with the leaders until he returns from Lyons on Monday.

The franc dropped four points on the news of the resignation of the Cabinet, and closed at 134.31.

Nerves.

Paris, March 6.

Nerves were largely responsible for the dramatic political denou-

ment, everybody being worked out in the all-night debate. The trouble with the Right groups began yesterday when they demanded that M. Briand should openly condemn the Socialist policies embodied in the Finance Bill.

M. Briand told their spokesman that he would stand by M. Doumergue and expressed the conviction that the country, which opposed the Cabinet crisis, supported the Government's appeal to the Chamber to sink party differences in the national interest, and concluded by asking if he were overthrown, where would a Government and a majority be found?

The recriminations between the Ministerialists and the Right did not improve matters, and when a vote was taken the Right voted against the Government practically en bloc.

The situation is now the gravest since the Senate and Chamber were at loggerheads, and no stable majority is apparent in the Chamber for any policy.

"Awful Profession."

Paris, March 6.

"Ours is an awful profession," buoyantly exclaimed M. Briand as the train of "all the talents" stemmed out from Paris bearing Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Hugh Cecil, M. Briand, the Spanish Ambassador, the Polish Premier, and others to Geneva.

The French delegate M. Paul Boncour, who nearly missed the train, was not so light-hearted as M. Briand. He was of the opinion that "The situation created by the Chamber's vote is disastrous and as regards the Geneva meeting, an extremely difficult position has been created for France."

The Cabinet's fall has aroused, even among those who voted against the Government at the last fateful division, feelings of regret and anxiety in view of the present external financial problems.

"Never Again."

Paris, March 6.

Asked by Pressmen whether he would consent again to form a Cabinet, M. Briand is reported to have said: "Not There is no question of it. I am entitled to claim a rest."

M. Herriot and M. Caillaux are mentioned as possible successors, and it is significant that the former is now at Lyons where he will confer with President Doumergue.

A resolution for the dissolution of the Chamber has been proposed by Deputy Fautrier for the purpose of "seeking a fresh mandate in order to surmount the crisis as an alternative to revolutionary methods."

Jibbed At Last Ditch.

London, March 6.

With his majority jibbing at the last ditch—the payments tax—M. Briand's "cropper" receives attention in the Sunday papers as a particularly unfortunate end to the plucky efforts of a man who has been French Premier eight times in seventeen years, on the eve of a momentous meeting at Geneva.

The "Observer" rejoices that M. Briand is any way going to Geneva, where it expects that he will be able to interpret the French view with freedom and authority.

The "Sunday Times" however, bewails the fact that M. Briand will only participate in the preliminary negotiations, and is of the opinion that it is very doubtful whether his colleagues can or will give the binding votes required at the Council Board. The paper concludes that unless a new Ministerial combination is rapidly formed, leaving M. Briand at the Quai d'Orsay, the meeting of the Council is likely to be suspended sine die.

Geneva Aroused.

Geneva, March 7.

The French crisis on the eve of one of the most important events in the League's history, is the all engrossing topic in League circles. There is much speculation as to its effect on the question of enlarging the Council, on which subject M. Briand, Sir Austen Chamberlain, M. Vandervelde, and Herr Stresemann will confer privately to-day.

A Forecast.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, March 6.

Practically all the papers state that M. Briand's fall has caused deep surprise throughout the whole of France and abroad.

All insist on the necessity for a rapid settlement of the Ministerial crisis. An important section of the Press foresees the formation of a Government mainly composed of Republicans, and quotes for this the following names: M. Peret, M. Caillaux, M. Demozio, and M. Poincaré. In any case the papers think that it is indispensable that M. Briand should remain as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

CIVIL WAR.KUOMINCHUN ATTACK AFTER
DEFEAT.

BATTLE AT YENCHENG.

(Reuter's Service.)

Hankow, March 4.

A telegram from foreign sources from Chengchow confirms that the Tenth Chihli Division has arrived there, and the Honanites dispersed without resistance.

A battle in the neighbourhood of Yencheng, where the Kuominchun failed, resulted in a victory for the Hupehites, who captured quantities of munitions and prisoners.

Kow Ying Chieh is expected to arrive at Chengchow to-day.

The Peace Delegation, after a week's ineffective plauding, have returned to inform the townspeople of their non-success.

A General Attack.

Peking, March 6.

Kuominchun headquarters announce that General Lu Chung-lin launched a general attack at five o'clock this morning against General Li Ching-lin (Commander of the Chihli troops) and is progressing on both flanks.

Successes Claimed.

Peking, March 6.

Kuominchun communiques report further successes in the region of Manchang, but independent reports indicate that whilst a Kuominchun general advance occurred, the actual operations consisted of a Kuominchun reconnaissance in force, in face of which the advanced Allied detachments fell back, suffering some casualties.

It appears undoubtedly that the Kuominchun has not yet come into contact with Li Ching-lin's main force.

Kuo Ying-chow and Ma Ping-nan, the Mukden delegates, arrived at Peking yesterday evening. They left Mukden prior to the military conference's decision to renew the fighting against the Kuominchun, but considerable interest attaches to their visit because Feng Yu-shiang is endeavouring to start negotiations with Chang Tso-lin with a view to an understanding which will leave Wu Pei-fu, Chang Tsung-chang, and Li Ching-lin without Mukden support.

Independent reports from Tientsin say that the Kuominchun troops have occupied Manchang, but have not yet come into contact with Li Ching-lin's main force. Casualties are not heavy.

FRONTIER AFFAIR.CANTONESE PENETRATE
FRENCH TERRITORY.

CONSULS' PROTEST.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 6.

Foreign official despatches state that on the 2nd inst. a body of Cantonese regulars, endeavouring to occupy the town of Tongking, in Kwangtung Province, near the Tonkin coast town of Monca, crossed the frontier and penetrated French territory. They encountered a French patrol and fired on them, killing a French sergeant. After reinforcements had arrived under the command of a French Captain, the Cantonese withdrew into Chinese territory.

Subsequently they offered the explanation that they mistook the French patrol for the party they were pursuing.

The French Consul has been instructed to make strong representations to the Cantonese authorities and the French Legation is lodging a protest with the Central Government.

PURELY PERSONAL.MR. HOUGHTON'S RETURN
TO WASHINGTON.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 7.

Mr. Houghton, the Ambassador, left for New York from Southampton to-day.

He denied that the purpose of his visit was to discuss with President Coolidge the question of the Disarmament Conference. He said that the visit was being made largely for personal reasons.

A cable from Washington on Saturday stated: Mr. Houghton, the American Ambassador in London, has been requested to return to the United States to consult with Mr. F. Kellogg, Secretary of State, regarding the plans for the preliminary disarmament conference. Mr. Houghton sails on Sunday.

BIG FIRE.MEMORIAL THEATRE AT
STRATFORD.

VALUED RELICS SAVED.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 7.

The famous Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon, with the tower adjoining it, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. Fortunately the Museum and Picture Gallery, which house the valuable relics of the great poet and dramatist, were saved.

The fire had gained a hold on the building before it was detected and, in spite of the efforts of the Fire Brigades from Warwick, Eversham, Solihull, and Leamington, it soon became apparent that the Theatre was doomed.

The efforts of the firemen to save the Museum and the bridge connecting it with the Theatre were aided by the wind.

TIMELY ALARM.

(Reuter's Service.)

Stratford-on-Avon, March 6.

Fire has destroyed the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre and Tower at Stratford-on-Avon, but the Museum and picture gallery have been saved. A passer-by at three o'clock in the afternoon noticed smoke issuing from the Theatre.

Five Fire Brigades eventually arrived, and thousands of spectators watched a hopeless fight to save the Theatre, but, combined strenuous efforts, aided by a favourable wind, prevented the fire from spreading to the Museum and Gallery.

The flames licked up a large quantity of the woodwork of the Theatre, and only bare walls remain, whilst the Tower resembled a gigantic chimney, visible over an extensive area.

It is understood that many valuable costumes, stored under the stage of the Theatre, were destroyed.

ADMIRAL'S DEATH.SERVICES TO THE AMERICAN
NAVY.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, March 7.

The death has occurred of Admiral Richard Wainwright.

Admiral Wainwright was appointed to the U.S. Navy Academy by the President in 1864. He was promoted Ensign in 1865, Master in 1870, Commander in 1899, Captain in 1903, and Rear-Admiral in 1908. He was on numerous vessels and was on the "Maine" when she was blown up in Havana Harbour, on February 15, 1898. He commanded the "Gloucester" during the Spanish-American War, and took part in the destruction of Admiral Cervera's squadron off Santiago, Cuba, on July 3, 1898, and was advanced for "eminent and conspicuous conduct in this battle." He was presented with a silver loving cup by the citizens of Gloucester, and a sword by the citizens of Washington. He commanded ships at the Naval Academy, of which he later became Superintendent, until he retired.

U.S. SHIPPING.SUPPLEMENTARY VOTE
ASKED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 7.

President Coolidge has asked Congress for \$10,000,000 to supplement the appropriation of \$14,000,000 previously recommended by the Budget, for the Shipping Board to enable the Board to operate ships taken over from private purchasers "by reason of the competition, or other methods employed by foreign operators."

CHURCH COUNCIL.A THOUSAND DELEGATES
TO MEET.

(Reuter's Service.)

Higaz, March 7.

A World Church Council will start on June 11 in Greece, to be attended by 1,000 delegates representing ten orthodox churches, also Papal legates, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and a representative of the League of Nations proposed by the Patriarch of Constantinople.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.5,000 MILES IN SEVEN
DAYS.

RETURN FROM THE CAPE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 6.

Mr. Alan Cobham, who is engaged on his return flight from Cape Town, arrived at Khartoum yesterday, having in seven days covered a distance of five thousand miles. He proposes to proceed to-day to Egypt, and to-morrow hopes to reach Soltum in readiness to cross the Mediterranean to Athens.

AT CAIRO.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cairo, March 7.
Mr. Alan Cobham has arrived here.

TO THE CAPE.PROGRESS OF ROYAL AIR
FORCE.

DEPARTURE FROM KOSTI.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 7.

The airman of the Royal Air Force, who, in four machines, are flying from Cairo to Cape Town, arrived at Kosti yesterday, and left on a further stage of their long journey early this morning.

25,000 MILES.TRIALS OF BRISTOL JUPITER
MACHINE.

MOST SATISFACTORY.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 7.

The trials of the Bristol Jupiter 440-480 horsepower aero engine, mark six, conducted under the supervision of the Air Ministry, which have affixed no fewer than 81 seals to prevent repairs or replacements, are proving exceptionally satisfactory.

The machine in which the engine is fixed has now travelled 24,000 miles in 216 flying time since January 4 when the trials were begun.

The trials will probably come to an end when 25,000 miles have been completed.

OBSTRUCTIVE.THE SWARAJISTS AND THE
LEGISLATURE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Delhi, March 7.

The Swarajists have resolved to withdraw from the Central Provincial Legislatures as a protest against the attitude of the Government toward the Assembly's demand, for constitutional reforms, but will not resign in order to prevent by-elections.

They have also resolved to contest the next elections and pursue an obstructive policy until the Government's policy is considered satisfactory.

KRUPP'S LOSSES.VALUABLE MACHINERY
DESTROYED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Essen, March 7.

A general meeting of shareholders in Krupp's disclosed a total deficit of 15,300,000 marks for the year ending September 30. The Germania Shipyards at Kiel lost 7,000,000 marks.

It is stated that the Inter-Alleied Military Mission, by destroying valuable machinery at Essen, caused the firm a net loss of 100,000,000 marks.

AN APPEAL.SEQUEL TO THE CATHART
CASE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, March 7.

The Department of Labour has decided to recommend an appeal against the decision releasing the Countess of Cathart.

AFTER FIVE YEARS.ROUMANIAN DIPLOMAT
SAILS FOR HOME.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 7.

After five years' tenure at the Roumanian Legation, the retiring Minister Prince Bibesco, has sailed for home.

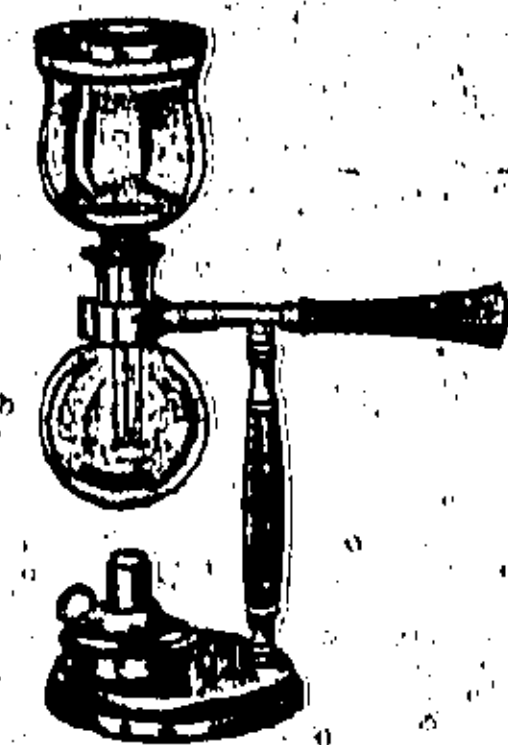
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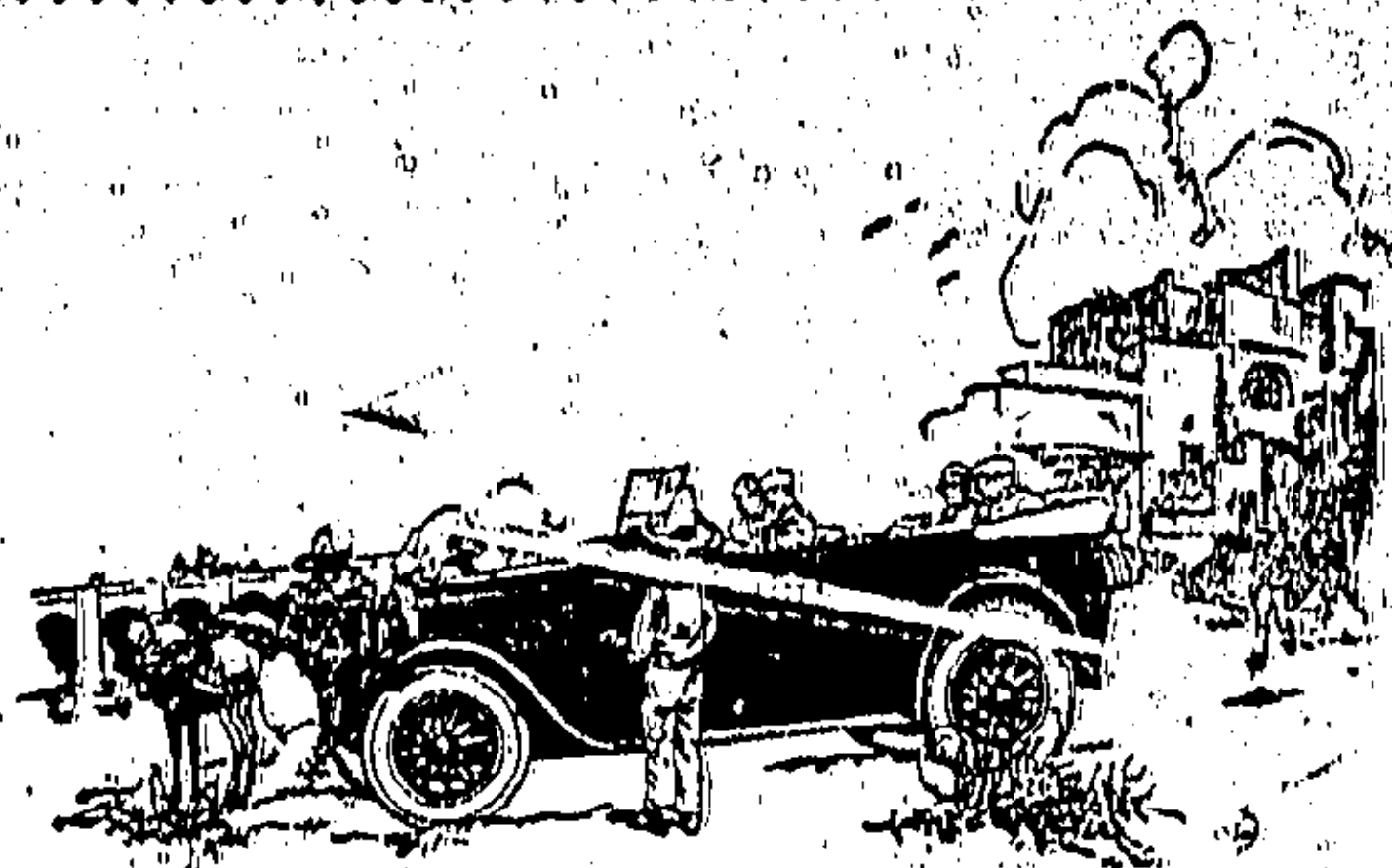
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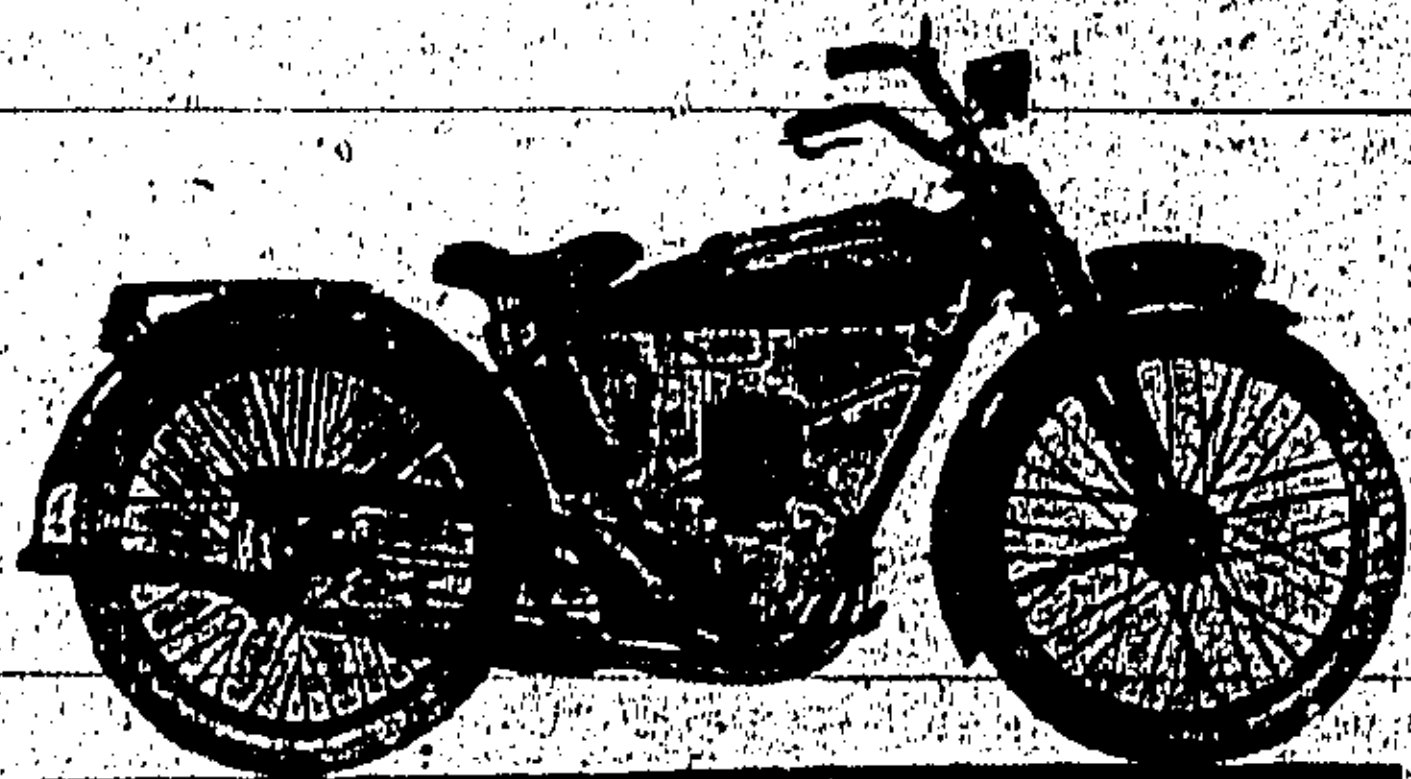
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A class in Cantonese is being
formed at the Kowloon Y.M.C.A.

There is to be a public meet-
ing in connection with the
Wesleyan Methodist Church on
Wednesday.

It is officially estimated that
Shanghai's rice stocks are suf-
ficient to feed the people until
the end of May.

St. John's Cathedral Notes
for March contains the first of a
series of "letters on Peking" by
the Rev. T. E. Powell.

A pilgrimage to the burial
place of Dr. Sun Yat-sen on the
first anniversary of his death,
March 12, is being planned by the
Executive Committee of the
Shanghai branch of the Kuomintang Party.

The Singapore Municipal
Commissioners are advertising in
the "Times" for a Quantity Sur-
veyor for the Architect's depart-
ment. Commencing salary \$450
per mensem or the equivalent of
\$530 per annum.

Another instance of the im-
portance of Gen. Yen Chun-yang,
Commissioner of Shanghai and
Wusung Police, in his work is
the fact that in order to ensure
local peace and safety he has
decided to increase his force by
300 men and to establish 70 new
branch stations in the various
districts under his control.

That business men not only
find time to read poetry, but enjoy
the same is shown in a survey of
the Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions
clubs taken by Mrs. F. G. Franklin
and Robert C. Paulus, members of
the Northwest Poetry Association.
Two-thirds of each of the
groups, with a combined member-
ship of nearly 300, were found to
read poetry. Favourite poets,
according to the questionnaires,
are Kipling, Longfellow, Shake-
spere, Walt Whitman, Dean Collins
(an Oregon man), Anthony
Euwer, Oregon poet and artist,
Keats, Robert Service, Poe and
Tennyson.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Senior Chaplain of St.
John's Cathedral, the Rev. H.
Copley Moyle, M.A., returned from
Home leave yesterday by the Blue
Funnel s.s. "Sarpedon."

At St. John's Cathedral yester-
day there was an ordination
service during Matins, when His
Lordship the Bishop of Victoria
(the Rt. Rev. C. R. Dupper) or-
dained Mr. James Fu to deacon's
orders. Mr. Fu is returning to
Yunnan Fu to work in connection
with the Church there.

The U.S. Consulate-General at
Shanghai wishes to secure in-
formation as to the whereabouts
of Mr. Fred. C. Hsuan, who for
many years held the rank of Major
in the 138th Infantry, United
States Army, and during the recent
war was stationed at Camp Mills,
N.Y. He was last heard from on
May 6, 1918, and it is believed that
he is somewhere in China.

Mrs. Valeria Langlois for whom
Valeria Home, Croton-on-Hudson,
Westchester County, New York, was
named, is a visitor in Manila. She
is accompanied by Mrs. Alice Kelly,
internationally known for her work
among Igorots between 1900 and
1914, when she and Mr. Kelly lived
in Baguio and Mr. Kelly was one
of the founders of the Benguet
Mines. They will remain in the
Islands for approximately 18 days
visiting as many places as possible
in the time at their disposal. They
will spend several days in Baguio
among the people with whom Mrs.
Kelly worked during the "best
years of her life."

Dr. Adolf Lorenz, orthopedic
surgeon, of Vienna, on landing in
America, recently, said that he be-
lieved that America's great mis-
fortune was the tendency of her
people to do everything to excess.
He suggested that moderate indig-
ence in some of the vices, among
which he included alcohol, had its
advantages. Dr. Lorenz said:
"One should indulge in the vices
moderately. Drinking is not an
evil. Alcohol is good for the
stomach. It should be taken, not
as a beverage but as a medicine,
and it should be taken in medicinal
doses. The great misfortune of
America is that Americans do
everything to excess. They live in
excess, work in excess, and play in
excess. They know nothing of
alternating labour with relaxation.
They would laugh at a two-hour nap
a day. To keep young one should
smile all the time, and it is not
an easy matter to smile in my
country all the time."

A Bill is to be introduced in
the Straits Legislative Council to
further and protect the activities
and interests of the Boy Scouts'
Association.

Since the outbreak of the war
in 1914, the British Treasury has
received gifts from patriotic
citizens totalling more than
\$300,000, according to a state-
ment made in the House of Com-
mons by R. McNeill, Financial
Secretary to the Treasury. Mr.
McNeill said that the gifts in-
cluded \$425,177 in cash, including
dividends and interest relinquish-
ed, and \$496,810 in Government
stocks and bonds to be cancelled
without compensation. In addi-
tion to this the sum of \$366,592
has been lent to the Government
free of interest for varying
periods.

"What's wanted is a little
Locarno spirit," said one diplo-
matist to another, apropos of
difficulty in renovating the lamps
outside the British Foreign Office
in Downing Street. "That's
useless," was the swift reply,
"for the Locarno spirit contains
no acid." Originally these lamps
were gilt and bronze. During the
war they were painted black to re-
duce labour in cleaning. Now
various acids are being experi-
mented with to restore their for-
mer brilliance.

A recent incident furnish-
ed a simple but telling
example of the alertness
of the London policeman to cope
with any condition that may present
itself. While the traffic was being
directed at a very busy centre, a
sudden heavy fall of snow quickly
transformed the surrounding
streets into a white world, so that
the policeman's hands in their re-
gulation white gloves were no
longer effective signals. The
gloves were at once changed for
black ones which stood out in
strong relief against the dazzling
background, and the traffic regulat-
ing went on without interruption.
The storm ceased, the recent white-
ness quickly became a dark, slushy
mass, and the familiar white gloves
were resumed.

The American Red Cross sent
\$2,080 and the French \$400 to the
Dutch flood relief fund.

The Sumatra Post reports that
a tigress has been caught near
Medan and is now being looked
after by Mr. Berthold at Labean-
weg. A few days after the capture
she gave birth to three cubs, one
of which died. The cubs will
shortly be sent to Holland.

"Concentrate on cleanliness,
courtesy, and plain and tasty cook-
ing"—was the advice given by R.
S. Harrison, president of the Irish
Tourists' Association at a con-
ference of hotel proprietors and
managers at the Dublin Mansion
House, when the plans for the 1926
tourist season were discussed.

Mr. J. T. Tussaud says that
negotiations are pending for the
sale of Madame Tussaud's wax-
work exhibition, Marylebone-road,
N.W., and are expected to be com-
pleted soon. It is understood that
a company intends taking over the
freehold site, buildings, goodwill
and contents, and reviving the exhi-
bition, incorporating as a nucleus of
the new exhibition exhibits saved
from the fire which destroyed part
of the building last March. Re-
building is still in progress.

An amusing incident occurred
recently in Regent Street. A very
small two-seater car with a man
and a young lady was suddenly
found by them to be in flames. A
gallant bus driver pulled up and
speedily put out the fire with his
patent fire extinguisher, which
every busman carries. With due
thanks the small car pair prepared
to get under way again. But the
majesty of the law stepped in the
person of a policeman complete
with notebook and stubby pencil,
who wanted to know all the details
of the unusual incident that had
occurred on his beat. While this
was going on, up dashed six or
seven fire engines, some kindly
passer-by having hurriedly warned
a fire station at the first sight of
flames. The small car and its occu-
pants were soon submerged in a
waving sea of polished brass
helmets, much to the joy of all Re-
gent Street round about that spot.

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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

THREE BLANKS.

LOSERS IN THE SOCCER LEAGUE.

CLUB IN FORM.

In all three league soccer matches on Saturday, the losers failed to get a goal between them, while the winners piled on eight, the victorious Chinese juniors being responsible for half that number.

A rather ambitious programme had been got up, but the actual results were:

"Division I."

H.K.F.C. 2 "Tamar" 0

Div. II (Sec. B).

South China "C" 4 St. J. Benders 0
University 2 Kowloon "B" 0

More Entertaining.

Getting two goals in the first half of their senior match with H.M.S. "Tamar," the Hongkong Football Club were value for their victory. Although they won, there were not superior in every department. As a complete combination they played the better football and were more entertaining.

Soon after the kick-off, Forsyth placed the ball in the depot ship's citadel with a hook-shot. Later on McBride met a pass from Pile, McBride's shot hit the upright and rebounded into the goal—a rather lucky point. This ended all the scoring. Both sets of forwards missed opportunities to find the mark.

H.K.F.C.—G. Rodger, Summers, Bishop, Lyon, Howard, Watson, Pile, Forsyth, Johnstone, McBride, Morrison.
"Tamar"—Badecek, Tensdale, Barker, Sandys, King, Regan, Summers, Payne, Rowkins, Jones, Bennett.

Referee: Mr. Smith, R.A.

Junior Matches.

Pow Ka-chuen scored three and Tin Lip-yat had one (between his colleague's second and third) for South China "C" against St. Joseph's College Boarders. All the scoring was before half-time. The winners maintained pressure after the interval.

A goal in each half, both scored by Jap (centre-forward), gave the University two points when they visited Kowloon "B." The start was delayed 13 minutes owing to the late arrival of the visitors. The Varsity vanguard did well.

MUSKETRY.

SCOTTISH COMPANY, 7TH PLATOON.

The musketry part II competition of the Scottish Company, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, was fired off at Stonecutters yesterday.

Private McLennan (7th platoon) was first with a score of 99. Second was Private George Duncan whose score was 98.

The scores for the Dyer Cup were:

Musketry Part II: No. 5 Platoon 412; No. 6 Platoon 512; No. 7 Platoon 462.

Attack Competition: No. 5 Platoon 122; No. 6 Platoon 186 minus 8; No. 7 Platoon 177.

Lewis Gun Competition: No. 5 Platoon 60; No. 6 Platoon 26; No. 7 Platoon 100.

Total: No. 5 Platoon 584; No. 6 Platoon 716; No. 7 Platoon 739.

AUSTRALIA CRICKET.

(Reuter's Service.)

Hobart, March 6.

The Australian team beat Tasmania by an innings and 184 runs. Tasmania scored 187 in the first innings (Everett 2 for 33, Malley 3 for 32 and Richardson 2 for 25).

In the second innings, Tasmania scored 123 (Everett 2 for 13 and Andrews 3 for 35).

The Australian team scored 494 (Bardsley 124, Woodfull 54, Everett 77 and Macartney, 169).

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club (1st XI) against the Punjabis on the Marston ground on Wednesday at 5.15 p.m.—E. W. Hamilton, C. H. R. Oxlade, C. L. R. Becher, L. P. Ralph, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt), Rev. E. W. L. Martin, H. Owen Hughes, W. Woodward, G. P. Lament, E. J. Larkom and B. D. Evans.

SUNDAY CRICKET.

"JUICE" STAFFS COMPETE AT SPORT.

KOWLOON NOW TWO UP.

Kowloon is now two up on Hongkong in the sport competitions, the respective companies which provide "juice" for electricity.

On the Indian R.C. ground (Sookmoo), yesterday, the China Light and Power Recreation Club defeated the Hongkong Electric Recreation Club in a cricket match by 64 runs.

The winners had first knock, sending up 137 on the time. F. Hamblin contributed 62 and A. Smith 27; J. C. Dunbar took 5 wickets for 31 runs and F. Norrington 4 for 34.

In the Hongkong total of 73, C. Gallagher was responsible for 12 and J. C. Dunbar for 15; F. C. Clemo secured 4 wickets for 17 and Samy 6 for 45.

On China New Year Day (Feb. 13), China Light won the soccer match on the Kowloon F.C. ground by the odd goal in three. It is also possible that further matches will be played at lawn bowls.

"WHITE WINGS."

LADIES DEFEAT MEN OF YACHT CLUB.

UNACCOUNTABLE REASON.

For some unaccountable reason—except, perhaps, that the victory was well-deserved as a result of better yachting—the ladies of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club defeated the men in an interesting team race yesterday by 61 points to 50.

There was no excuse, nor was any made.

Ten boats were used, each side taking five, and changing over after the morning race. The fair sex had only five "helmsmen" while their opponents brought out a fresh team for the afternoon event.

After the races, Captain Davidson (Rear Commodore) presented souvenir spoons to the winners who were vociferously cheered.

In the morning the course was from the Club to a mark boat in Quarry Bay, back to the Club, to Channel Rocks and back (about 6½ miles).

Points gained, according to positions, were:

Ladies—Bluenose (Miss Shaw) 11; Gail (Mrs. Mitchell) 9; Adele (Mrs. Adams) 8; Why Wonder? (Mrs. Scott) 6; Pierrette (Mrs. Davidson) 4.—Total 38.

Club—Boojum (Mr. A. L. Shields) 7; Lysbeth (Mr. H. S. Rouse) 5; Joan (Col. Gunn) 3; Adanac (Mr. Ritchie) 2; Sealark (Col. Coffey) 1.—Total 13.

After tiffin the course was reversed, the points won being:

Ladies—Lysbeth (Mrs. Mitchell) 7; Sealark (Mrs. Scott) 6; Boojum (Miss Shaw) 5; Adanac (Mrs. Adams) 3; Joan (Mrs. Davidson) 2.—Total 23.

Club—Adele (Mr. Shields) 11; Pierrette (Lt. Vereker) 9; Bluenose (Mr. F. G. Vaux) 8; Why Wonder? (Lt. Com. Barracough) 4; Gail (Mr. Rouse) did not finish, 0.—Total 32.

Grand total—Ladies 61 points, Club 50 points.

BEAT HIS OWN RECORD.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Chicago, March 7.

Charles Hoff, who distinguished himself on February 28, has again broken the world's indoor pole jump record, clearing 162½ inches, with four inches to spare.

HOME SERVICE RUGGER.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 6.

Twenty thousand people gathered at Twickenham to-day to see the Army beat the Royal Navy at rugby by 24 points to 10.

H. M. the King was an interested spectator.

SCOTLAND'S VICTORY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 6.

Playing at Inverness in the hockey international Scotland beat Ireland by two goals to one.

FOOTBALLER'S VALUE.

(via Colombo.)

London, Feb. 11.

James McMullan, the famous soccer international half-back of Partick Thistle, has been transferred to Manchester City on a £5,000 fee.

H.K.C.C. DOUBLE.

C.S.Q.C. MAN'S "HAT TRICK."

CRICKET FEATURES.

The Hongkong Cricket Club secured a "double" in league cricket matches on Saturday.

W. H. Edmonds of the Civil Service C.C. did the "hat trick" in a friendly game.

LEAGUE I.

C.R.C. v. H.K.C.C.

The Chinese R.C. made their lowest score this season when they received the Hongkong C.C. 1st XI and again turned out only ten men.

The match was altogether one-sided, the home team being dismissed for 42 runs, Bowker taking seven wickets for eight runs. The visitors won the match without the loss of a single wicket. Humphreys (58) retired with the total at 91 and Mitchell (40) decided to follow suit when he had brought the score to 145 for three wickets. Mitchell hit seven fours and also a six off W. C. Hung. Humphreys had nine fours to his credit.

Chinese R.C.

T. E. Yeoh, b Bowker 16
H. C. Hung, b Bowker 2
W. C. Hung, c and b Owen Hughes 5

J. L. Youngsaye, b Bowker 5
E. F. Lee, b Bowker 11
H. Hung, b Bowker 11
P. S. Wong, b Bowker 0
H. Ching, b Bowker 0
C. E. Wong, c Owen Hughes, 1
A. Hung, not out 0
Extras 7

Total (for 9 wks.) 42

One man absent.

Bowling Analysis.

Bowker 12 6 8 7
Owen Hughes 8 2 23 1
Powell 3 2 4 1

H.K.C.C. 1st XI.

E. J. R. Mitchell, retired 53
J. D. Humphreys, retired 58
C. H. R. Oxlade, c Ching, b 5
W. Hung 5
G. P. Lament, b Ching, 25
H. V. Parker, c Ching, b H. Hung 5
R. K. Hepburn, b H. Hung 2
C. S. Hugh Jones, b H. Hung 0
A. C. I. Bowker, c W. Hung, 0
b H. Hung 3
H. Owen Hughes, not out 8
A. W. Hayward, b H. Hung 1
Extras 14

Total (for 9 wks.) 174

Rev. T. B. Powell did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

W. Hung 8 1 46 1
Ching 10 0 47 1
Yeoh 2 0 27 0
H. Hung 7 3 0 31 5
Youngsaye 1 0 9 0

LEAGUE II.

H.K.C.C. 2nd v. UNIVERSITY 2nd.

The Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI closed their season with a victory by 78 runs over the University 2nd XI. This places at the head of the league table and they are good for the championship if the Royal Engineers fail to win their last match.

The Club batted first and declared with 167 for seven wickets. Burgess remained at the wickets the whole time and was unbeaten with 81. He hit nine fours. Becher (38) hit one six off Chan Wah.

Griffin (5 for 24) and Vallack (4 for 25) were responsible for the dismissal of the visitors for 89. Samy (48) being the only batsman to offer some resistance.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

T. D. E. Pendered, c Sling, b 8
S. D. Sudan 8
H. C. Burgess, not out 81
A. K. Mackenzie, c Teh, b 6
Samy 6
M. M. Watson, c Sling, b 1
S. D. Sudan 10
C. L. R. Becher, c Yeoh, b 37
S. V. Gittins 27
W. W. Brackenridge, c Zimmerman, b Samy, 1
G. K. Vallack, b S. V. Gittins 2
Extras 21

Total (for 7 wks., dec.) 167

J. A. H. Plummer, S. H. Garrod and H. Griffin did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

S. D. Sudan 11 1 82 2
Samy 16 5 26 22
W. M. Gittins 7 0 29 11
Chan Wah 3 0 20 9
S. V. Gittins 2 4 0 9 2

University 2nd XI.

E. Zimmerman, c Plummer, b 0
Griffin 0
W. M. Gittins, b Griffin 3
S. V. Gittins, b Griffin 3
W. H. Sling, b Pendered 43
D. K. Samy, b Griffin 15
B. N. Sudan, b Vallack 15

Y. C. Teh, b Vallack 2
H. Y. Leong, b Vallack 1
R. Chan Wah, c Burgess, b 1
Vallack 1
O. H. Yeoh, c Burgess, b 1
Griffin 1
F. Hiptoola, not out 0
Extras 16

Total 89

Bowling Analysis.

Griffin 12 2 24 5
Pendered 5 2 24 1
Vallack 6 8 25 4

FRIENDLY MATCH.

C.S.Q.C. v. R.A.

Playing at home, the Civil Service C.C. beat the Royal Artillery by four wickets.

The Gunners, with a team of ten, started badly, losing three wickets for 12 runs. Good batting by Major Hattersley Smith (58) brought the score to 91 for the next wicket. W. H. Edmonds (6 for 26) then started a procession by dismissing the remainder for an additional 10 runs and doing the hat trick in his last over.

The home team made the necessary runs before the fall of the seventh wicket and went on to make 220. Two of the batsmen were caught by their own men serving as substitutes. The last wicket partnership between Fincher (34) and Baker (58 not out) produced 83 runs.

Royal Artillery.

Capt. Bensley, b Evans 2
B. S. M. Page, b Sayer 6
L. Smith, b Evans 3
Major Hattersley Smith, b 58
Edmonds 22

Lt. Hall, c & b Edmonds 0
Sgt. Young, c de Rome, b Edmonds 0
Lt. Bdr. Pulford, b Edmonds 0
Sgt. Gifford, c Sayer, b Edmonds 6
Edmonds 6
B. Q. M. S. Moore, not out 0
Lt. Bdr. Vicars, c Fincher, b Edmonds 0
Edmonds 4
Extras 4

Total (for 9 wks.) 101

One man absent.

Bowling Analysis.

Evans 10 2 25 2
Sayer 10 1 41 1
Edmonds 5 5 0 22 6
Baker 4 0 9 0

Civil Service 1st XI.

F. J. de Rome, c Page, b 2
Gifford 2
H. G. Wallington, run out 10
F. E. Lawrence, b Smith 10
B. C. K. Hawkins, c sub, b 88
Gifford 0
A. E. Wood, b Gifford 0
W. H. Edmonds, c & b Lt. Smith 35
G. R. Sayer, c Pulford, b 15
Vicars 14
B. D. Evans, b Gifford 14
H. E. Strange, b.w., b Hattersley Smith 8
E. C. Fincher, c sub, b 84
Gifford 1
F. Baker, not out 58
Extras 1

Total 220

Bowling Analysis.

Gifford 21 5 108 5
Lt. Smith 15 0 85 2
Vicars 3 0 15 1
Major H. Smith 3 0 11 1

Varsity Championship.

In a mid-week cricket match on the University ground, the "Engineers" went down to the "Arts" by 135 runs.

Batting first, the "Arts" scored 190 (for seven wickets, declared). E. Zimmerman (64), S. V. Gittins (61 not out) and B. P. Ng (23). Youngsaye took three wickets for 32.

The Engineers replied with 55. W. M. Gittins (32) being the only wicket-keeper.

A. S. Hett took six wickets for 25. By defeating the "Medicals" and the "Engineers" in inter-faculty matches, the "Arts" become champions for the third year in succession. This year's result is as follows:—Medicals played 2, lost 2; Engineers played 2, lost 1; Arts played 2, won 2.

Tommy Milligan.

(Associated Press.)

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CONTINENTAL BOXERS.

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CUP SURPRISES.

ALL THREE LONDON TEAMS "KNOCKED OUT."

SCOTIA'S WEST ON TOP.

Saturday was an important day in Home "soccer." The sixth round of the English Cup was played, as was the fourth round of the Scottish Cup, after which only four teams (the semi-finalists) are left in each competition.

All three London Clubs left in the last eight of the English tournament were knocked out. Clapton Orient and Fulham both lost, before their own supporters to the two First League Manchester teams; and the Arsenal went down to Swansea (now the only hope of Wales and of the Second Division). There is another Second Division Club in Notts Forest, who must re-play (away) with Bolton.

Of the winners in the Scottish Cup, Rangers, St. Mirren and Celtic belong to the West, as do Third Lanark, who have not settled their argument with Aberdeen. Full results follow:—

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 6.

F.A. Cup (Round 5).

Clapton Orient 1, Manchester City 6.
Notts Forest 2, Bolton 2.
Swansea 2, Arsenal 1.
Fulham 1, Manchester United 2.

Scottish Cup (Round 4).

Morton 0, Rangers 4.
Third Lanark 1, Aberdeen 1.
St. Mirren 2, Airdrieonians 0.
Celtic 5, Dumbarton 1.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aston Villa 1, Bury 1.
Leeds 1, Everton 1.
Leicester 1, Birmingham 0.
Liverpool 0, Tottenham 0.
Newcastle 0, Huddersfield 2.
Notts Country 1, Blackburn 1.
West Ham 3, West Bromwich Albion 0.

Division II.

Middlesborough 3, Hull 3.
Oldham 3, Bradford City 0.
Preston 2, Darlington 0.
Preston 3, Chelsea 1.
South Shields 2, Southampton 0.
Stockport 2, Port Vale 2.
Stoke 0, Derby 1.
Barnsley 1, Wolves 1.

Div. III. (South).

Bournemouth 1, Plymouth 2.
Bourne Rovers 2, Watford 1.
Charlton 5, Southend 0.
Exeter 0, Crystal Palace 1.
Gillingham 2, Norwich 0.
Luton 2, Aberdeen 1.
Merthyr 0, Millwall 2.
Newport 3, Northampton 0.
Queen's Park Rangers 0, Brighton 2.

Reading 1, Bristol City 1.
Swindon 2, Brentford 1.

Div. III. (North).

Accrington 4, Wrexham 2.
Bradford 3, Crewe 0.
Chesterfield 3, New Brighton 0.
Durham 4, Coventry 1.
Grimsby 4, Lincoln 0.
Halifax 0, Doncaster 3.
Hartlepool 2, Nelson 0.
Rochdale 2, Barrow 1.
Rotherham 5, Southport 2.
Tranmere 1, Ashington 4.
Walsall 0, Wigan 1.

Scottish League.

Dundee United 3, Raith 1.
Falkirk 1, Dundee 0.
Hamilton 2, Partick 1.
Hibernians 1, Cowdenbeath 2.
St. Johnstone 1, Hearts 1.

THE AUSTRALIAN "TAIL"

The critics, who are busy speculating about next summer's England cricket eleven, seem to be divided into rival advocates of "Tails" and "No-tails." In regard to this it is worth recalling that since the war England has lost 12 out of 15 matches against Australia, and figures show that the ability of the Australian "tail" to make runs has had a decisive effect in most of these games.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MARCH 8, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Others as Real Quotations.
T.T. on London	2 3/8	2 3/8	2 3/8
T.T. on Shanghai	78	78	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1022 b. 1020	1025 b.	\$1050 b.
do. London	£124 n. 25 sa		£124 n.
Chartered Bank	£21 1/2 n.	£21 1/2 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£20 1/2 n.	£20 1/2 n.	—
do.	£12 1/2 n.	£12 1/2 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£9 1/2 n.	£9 1/2 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	\$77 n.	\$72 1/2 n.	\$75 b.
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	600 b.	600 b.	\$600 a.
China Underwriters	194 b. & sa.	230 n.	1.8c b.
North China Insurance	T 145 n.	T 140 n.	—
Union Insurance	277 sa.	278 b.	\$276 b.
Yangtze Insurance	44 b.	45 b.	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	165 b.	165 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	540 b.	535 b.	530 b.
Shipping.			
Douglases	30 s.	25 b. 28 s.	26 s.
Hongkong Steamboats	21 b.	21 b.	20 b.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	234 b.	4 n.	25 s.
Indo-Chinas (Def.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) L/d.	40 n.	—	45 s.
do. () Hk.	—	45 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	250 n.	250 n.	—
Shell Transports	90/3 b.	90/6 b.	92/6 n.
Star Ferries	\$50 b.	60 b.	\$50 n.
Water-boats	1434 b.	15 s.	1524 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	27 b.	27 s.	28 b.
Malabon Sugars	39 n.	35 n.	50 n.
Mining.			
Banquets	134 n.	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	42/6 b.	42/6 b.	42/6 n.
Langkats (Combined)	23 b.	T 23 b.	T 23 b.
do. (Single)	11 b.	11 b.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5 s.	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	7 n.	7 n.	—
Raubs	\$5 b.	\$5 b.	6 s.
Tromoh Mines	\$5 1/2 b.	\$5 1/2 b.	—
Ural Caspians	8 1/2 n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$125 b.	122 b.	\$121 b.
H.K. & W. Docks	50 b.	58 n.	57 b.
Hongkews	T165 b.	—	165 b.
New Engineerings	5 b.	T 6 s.	6 1/2 b.
Shanghai Docks	94 b.	97 s.	100 n.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	\$9 b. & sa.	9 b. 8.90/9 sa	8 1/2 b. 9 n.
do. (new)			
Hongkong Lands	63 1/2 b.	64 b.	63 1/2 b.
H.K. Realty	5 n.	4 1/2 s.	5 1/2 n.
H.K. Territorials	534 s.	6 s.	6 s.
Humphreys Estates	134 b.	13 b.	1234 b.
Princes Building	120 s.	110 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 s.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Two Cottons	T 9.10 b.	T 9 b.	T 9 b.
Orientials	3 n.	2 1/2 b.	3 s.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	54 b.	34 s.	55 s.
do. (new)	28 b.	27 s.	27 s.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	\$7 1/2 n.	\$7 s.	\$ 7 s.
Cements (comb.)	16 b. 15 1/2 sa	15 1/2 b. 14 1/2 sa	15 1/2 b. 15 1/2 sa
do. (old)	13 b. sa	13 b. 15 1/2 sa	1234 b.
do. (new)	3 b.	2 1/2 b.	3 b.
China Buses	T 10 1/2 b.	19 1/2 b.	—
China Lights (comb.)	19 1/2 b. & sa.	14 b.	20 b.
do. (old)	14 1/2 b.	11 b.	15 b.
do. (new)	11 1/2 b. 11 1/2 sa	—	11 b.
China Prov. (comb.)	7 1/2 b. & sa.	7 1/2 b. & sa.	7 1/2 b.
do. (old)	7 1/2 b.	—	7 1/2 b.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Dairy Farms	16 b.	17 b. & sa.	16 b.
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10 n.	8 s.	—
do. (part pd.)	—	—	—
Hongkong Amusements	1 1/2 b.	1 1/2 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	3 b.	3 b.	3 1/2 s.
Hongkong Electrics	58 1/2 b. 50 sa	60 b.	59 b.
H.K. Developments	25 cts n.	24 cts. b.	cts. 25 s.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	35 s.	—	35 s.
do. (old)	12 n.	13 1/2 s.	14 n.
do. (new)	—	8 1/2 s.	8 1/2 n.
Hongkong Tramways	24 1/2 b. 23 1/2 sa	24 b. 22.90/ sa	24 b.
Lane, Crawfords	12 n. sa	11 s. 12 1/2 sa	12 s.
Macao Electrics	40 n.	—	—
Mackintosh	21 1/2 n.	12 1/2 b.	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	16 b. & sa	18 b.
Peak Trams (old)	16 b.	8 n.	9 s.
do. (new)	7 n.	8 1/2 b.	10 b.
Sinceres	11 s.	8 n.	—
Singapore Trams	—	8 n.	2 1/2 b.
Taxis	4 s.	3 s.	—
United Asbestos	20 n.	600 n.	—
do. (Powders)	—	18 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	1 1/2 s.	12 s.
Watsons (old)	12 n.	—	—
do. (new)	12 n.	9 1/2 s.	11 s.
Wm. Powells	10 n.	3 1/2 s.	3.60 s.
H.K. Telephone	3 1/2 b.	—	—

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Bettina Hovey was associated with Charles Garland, the eccentric millionaire, at April Farm Colony.



Twelve workmen were seriously injured when the famous old Parker House, Boston, which is being razed, collapsed.



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Edward A. Cudahy, Jr., a victim in the notorious Pat Crowe kidnapping case twenty-five years ago, has just succeeded his father as head of the \$15,000,000 Cudahy Packing Co. Senator Henry Berenger is the new French ambassador to the America. G. M. Wynkoop, witnessed the brutal murder of fifty fellow passengers when bandits held up a Mexican train. E. B. Reid represents the American Farm Federation.



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Considerable mystery surrounds the report that \$200,000 worth of jewellery was stolen from Mrs. George L. Mesker while she was at dinner at her Palm Beach home. Mrs. Mesker says the jewels were worth only a few thousands.



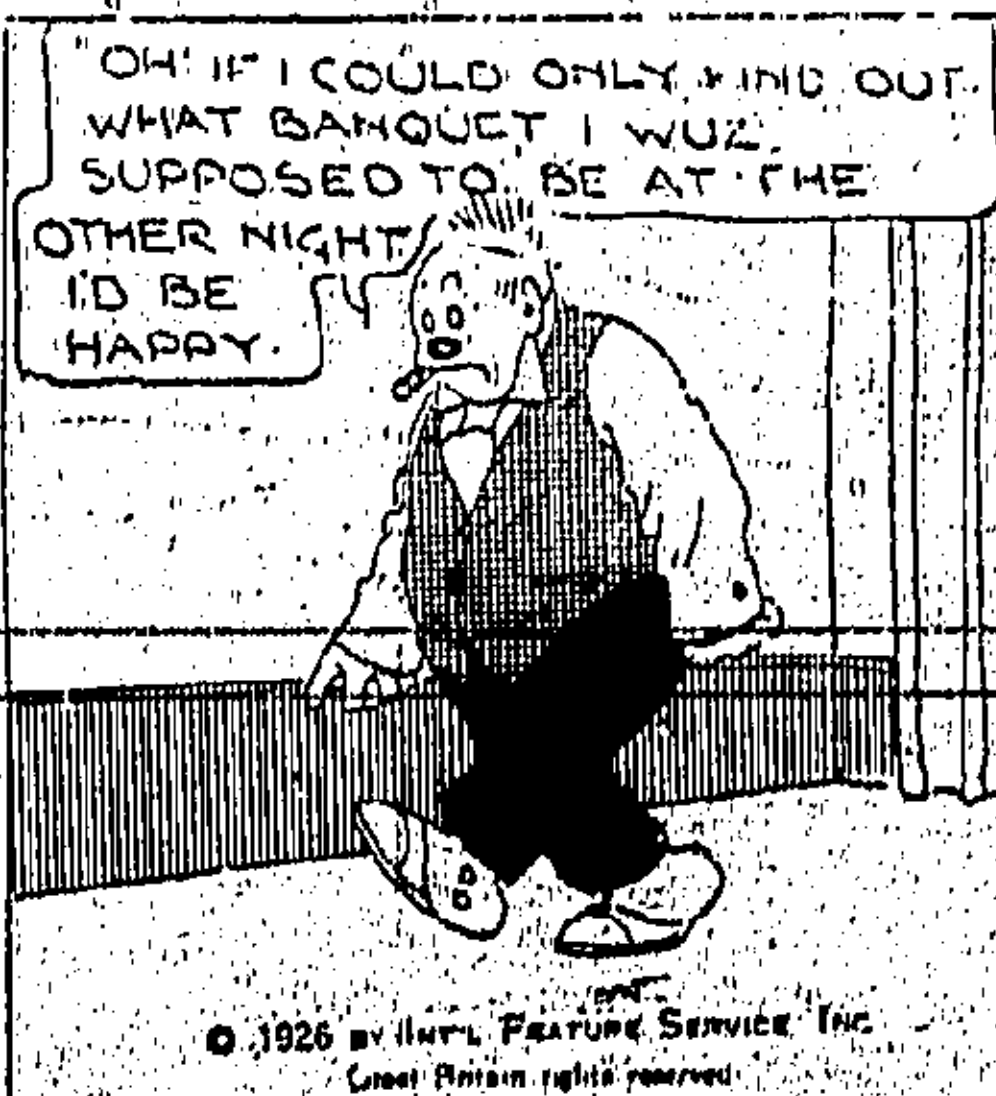
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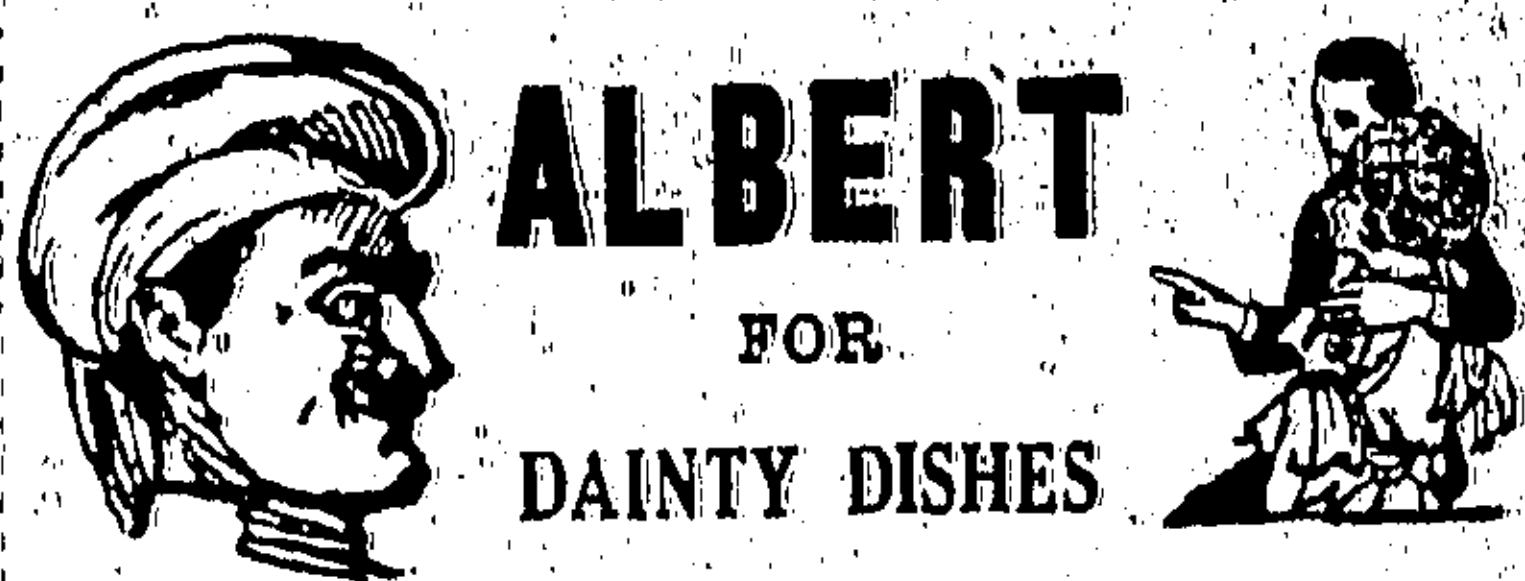
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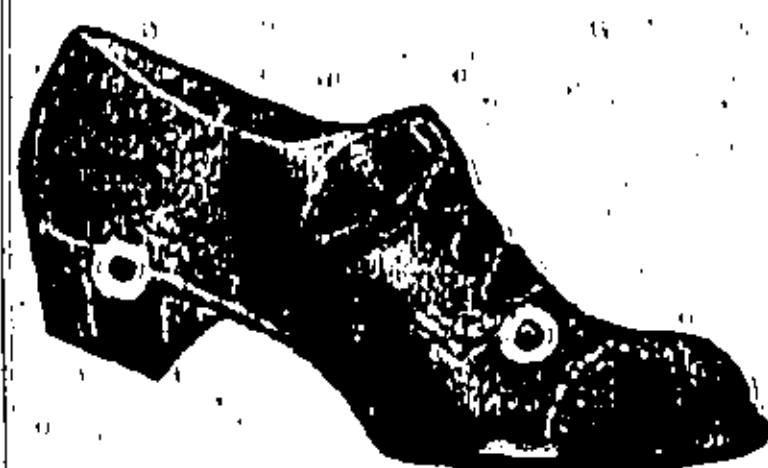
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YET AGAIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 6.
The Cabinet has resigned, following a vote in the Chamber (274 to 221) separating tax payments from the Finance Bill which the Government had made a question of confidence. M. Briand will not depart for Geneva to-day.

Protracted Discussion.

Paris, March 6.
The defeat of the Government on a crucial point was the upshot of a protracted discussion on the Finance Bill which yesterday started in the morning and continued until 6.30 this morning.

The afternoon deliberations on the tax articles left honours fairly evenly shared by the Finance Minister, M. Doumer, some of his proposals being adopted and others being rejected.

A battle raged over the Radical amendment proposing the establishment of a Government monopoly for the importation and sale of oil and sugar.

The Chamber by 232 to 254 votes refused to shelve the project in accordance with the Government Finance Committee's request, but finally rejected it by 249 to 169 votes after M. Doumer had opposed the creation of a monopoly in oil, which he pointed out was a solely foreign commodity.

The evening sitting of the Chamber saw M. Doumer's recommendation for an increase in the alcohol taxes and a decision to increase the tax embodied in a special Bill.

Finance Minister's Threat.

The Government expected to derive 300,000,000 francs from the oil and sugar tax increases.

Later the Chamber rejected the proposed increase in the price of tobacco from 1% to 2% francs, whereupon M. Briand intervened and declared he would not go to Geneva with such Parliamentary opinion behind him as the Chamber was manifesting.

Subsequently the Chamber by 250 to 165 votes agreed to the tobacco tax increase to 2 francs ten centimes.

The opposition to the tax on payments was led by a Socialist who pointed out that France had never been so flourishing since the war.

This brought up M. Doumer who threatened to resign if the Chamber refused the funds demanded.

It is now stated M. Briand is going to Geneva to-night.

Briand And Geneva.

London, March 6.

Sir Austen Chamberlain and other delegates have departed for Geneva. M. Briand is to accompany him from Paris to attend the preliminary conversations but not to participate in the official deliberations. He is taking up the standpoint that since he has been

A MISTAKE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 6.

The Judge declared that Congress had not contemplated making every act which was a crime in the United States, ground for expulsion, otherwise everyone selling or manufacturing liquor abroad would be 'debarred from the United States because the violation of prohibition laws might be considered to involve moral turpitude.

He concluded that the Immigration Board had made a mistake and therefore he sustained the writ.

At the conclusion, spectators rushed to congratulate the Countess of Cathcart who was on the point of collapse.

A previous cable announced that the Countess of Cathcart had won her suit, the Judge holding that adultery did not constitute a crime under the laws of South Africa whither the Countess had eloped with the Earl of Craven.

The suit was instigated by the Countess when the Immigration officials refused to allow her to remain in the United States when she arrived there with the object of marketing a play she had written. The circumstances of the Countess's divorce were advanced as the reason for the refusal.

NEW OIL DEAL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 6.

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defeated in the Chamber, he will be unable to pledge the Government.

An "Inoffensive Remark."

Paris, March 6.

The defeat of the Government is attributed to the action of a number of Moderates who misinterpreted an inoffensive remark passed by M. Briand to a member of the opposition who announced his intention to support the Government and M. Briand.

IN FLIGHT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Kaifeng, March 3.

The allied army occupied Chengchow yesterday morning without fighting. The Second Kuominchun mainly fled north on to the Kinan line and a smaller portion to the west on Lunghai.

A considerable number of the Second Kuominchun army was surrounded and captured at Chungmow.

Chin-Yu-nao and headquarters staff left Kaifeng this morning for Chengchow.

[The "allied army" is the combined force of Wu Pei-fu and Chang Tso-lin. A previous message stated that the final stand of the Second Kuominchun army would be made at Chengchow, now captured. They were disorganised, badly officered, poorly equipped and had lost more than two-thirds of their artillery and general equipment.]

U.S. AIR FORCE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, March 6.

It is stated at White House that President Coolidge considers the budget estimate of \$674,000,000 on war and navy departments is ample to provide the needs of the air services. He therefore opposes any considerable increase in aviation appropriations and does not see the necessity to increase the military and naval forces to meet the needs of aviation. President Coolidge estimates that 553,000 American are available almost overnight for military service in the event of an emergency.

According to the preliminary military and aviation programme previously indicated by the Secretary of War, the U.S. Army air force will possess 2,200 aeroplanes five years hence. The personnel will consist of 1,550 regular army officers and 550 reserve officers on active duty, and 15,000 enlisted men, including 500 flying cadets.]

MEXICO'S LAWS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Mexico City, March 6.

Addressing the confederation of the Labour Convention, President Calles announced the Government's determination to enforce the constitution, including religious clauses. He declared that the Government intended to attain complete economic national independence and rid itself of foreign interference.

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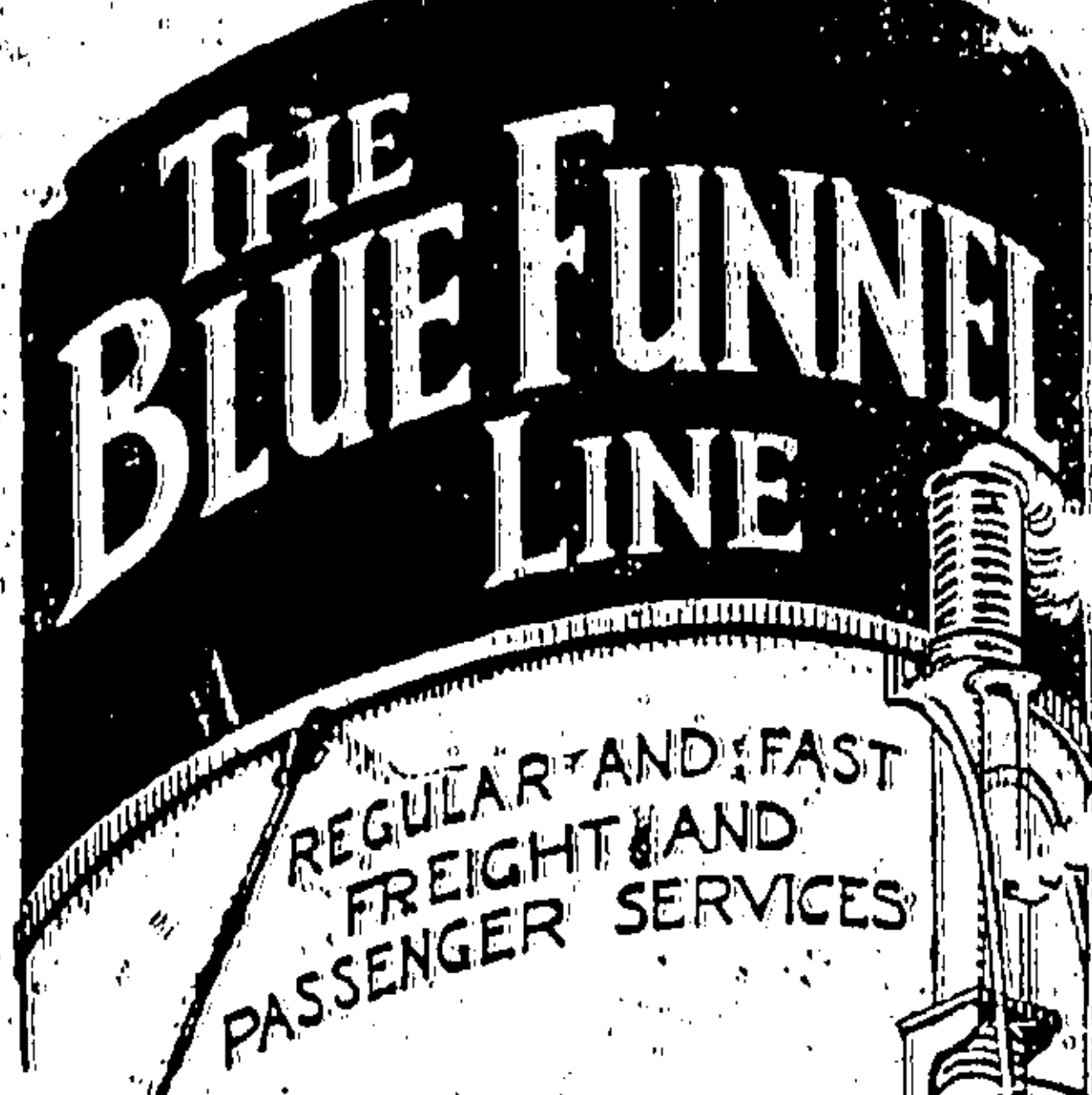
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